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OF THE

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH,

FOR THE YEAR

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I.—BALTIMORE CONFERENCE.

HELD AT MOUNT VERNON PLACE CHURCH, WASHINGTON, D. C., *March 3-10, 1875.*

BISHOP MARVIN, *President*; JOHN S. MARTIN, *Secretary*.

QUESTION 1. Who are admitted on trial?

ANSWER. William B. Dorsey, Andrew T. M. Seat, J. Kyle Gilbert, Robert A. McElhinney, James H. Boyd, James W. Shouff, Henry C. Caldwell, Henry S. Coe, William H. Hedrick, A. Ezra Bradenbaugh, Henry T. Watts, Luke R. Markwood, Andrew M. Cackley, R. G. Simmons, 14—besides Charles M. Brown, H. W. Leslie, received by transfer.

Ques. 2. Who remain on trial?

John G. Knight, James M. Reese, J. Wesley Steele, Robert M. Williams, John Robert Andrew, Alfred C. Gearhart, Charles E. Simmons, John F. Baggs, John D. C. Hanna, J. Wesley Shreve, Oscar F. Burgess, Thomas G. Nevitt, J. Asbury Regester, Rufus M. Wheeler, Michael P. Scanlan. 15.

Ques. 3. Who are discontinued?

Daniel L. Bush. 1.

Ques. 4. Who are admitted into full connection?

Lewis L. Lloyd, William T. Caruthers, Gotlieb Meyer, James T. Williams, Alfred H. Way, Vincent W. Wheeler, William M. Hiner, Washington Varner. 8.

Ques. 5. Who are readmitted?

William W. Walker. 1.

Ques. 6. Who are received by transfer from other Conferences?

Charles M. Brown, from Holston Conference, H. W. Leslie, from South Georgia Conference. 2.

Ques. 7. Who are the deacons of one year?

J. Timothy Smith, John C. Sedwick, Henry C. Pitzer, La Fayette Fox, Oliver C. Beall, William L. Lynch, Robert Ross, Gotlieb Meyer, James T. Williams, J. Rembert Smith, William E. Miller, James F. Follin, Asbury C. McNeer, John W. Canter. 14.

Ques. 8. What traveling preachers are elected deacons?

Lewis L. Lloyd, William T. Caruthers, Alfred H. Way, Vincent W. Wheeler, Washington Varner. 5.

Ques. 9. What traveling preachers are ordained deacons?

Lewis L. Lloyd, William T. Caruthers, Alfred H. Way, Vincent W. Wheeler, Washington Varner. 5.

Ques. 10. What local preachers are elected deacons?

William J. Reid. 1.

Ques. 11. What local preachers are ordained deacons?

William J. Reid. 1.

Ques. 12. What traveling preachers are elected elders?

Sydnor G. Ferguson, John Hannon. 2.

Ques. 13. What traveling preachers are ordained elders?

Sydnor G. Ferguson, John Hannon. 2.

Ques. 14. What local preachers are elected elders?

George H. Williams. 1.

Ques. 15. What local preachers are ordained elders?

George H. Williams. 1.

Ques. 16. Who are located this year?

Henry E. Johnson, William T. Caruthers. 2.

Ques. 17. Who are supernumerary?

Francis M. Mills, John W. Boteler, J. Newman Hank, Joseph N. Spangler, William J. Perry, Francis H. Richey, Wm. R. Stringer, Ephraim L. Kregelo, George R. Jefferson, Asbury R. Martin, James C. Hummer, Edward F. Heterick, Eugene R. Smith, Milton A. Taylor, Aaron Boone. 15.

Ques. 18. Who are superannuated?

Norval Wilson, Thomas B. Sargent, Samuel Kepler, Henry Hoffman, P. S. E. Sixeas, Elias Welty, William H. Wheelwright, John W. Tongue, William H. D. Harper, Thomas Briley, Jason P. Etchison, William Hedges, A. A. Eskridge. 13.

Ques. 19. What preachers have died during the past year?

W. S. Baird, L. D. Nixon, R. S. Shreve. 3.

WILLIAM S. BAIRD was born at New Liberty, Lycoming co., Pa., Nov. 4, 1815. He was converted in early life, and, so far as we are cognizant of his subsequent history, maintained a consistency of deportment to the close of his career. He was educated at Alleghany College, Pa., and graduated at that institution in 1841. He was received as a probationer of the Baltimore Annual Conference, March, 1842, and appointed to Sunbury Circuit. He was ordained deacon by Bishop Morris, March 17, 1844, and elder by Bishop Janes, March 15, 1846. In 1843 he was assigned to Huntingdon Circuit; to Calvert Circuit in 1844; to Montgomery Circuit in 1845; to Hartford Circuit in 1846; to Charles Circuit in 1847-8; to Patuxent Circuit in 1849-50; to Liberty Circuit in 1851-2; to Woodstock Circuit in 1853-4; to East Rockingham Circuit in 1855-6; to Hillsboro Circuit in 1857-8; and to Winchester Circuit in 1859-60. From September, 1860, to July, 1866, he was in charge of the Wesleyan Female Institute at Staunton, Va. During this period (one of great anxiety and embarrassment), his prudent management maintained the institution in existence till more prosperous times dawned upon it. From 1867 to 1871 he was Presiding Elder of Winchester District. In 1871 he was appointed to Loudon Circuit; in 1872, to Berkeley Circuit; and from March, 1872, to August, 1874, was in charge of the *Baltimore Episcopal Methodist*. In these various positions of responsibility and trust he discharged his duty with that conscientious fidelity which characterized him in every relation of life. Brother Baird was a man of decided culture and taste; he brought to the exposition of truth, to the tutorial profession, and to the editorial chair, the resources of a clear and well-disciplined mind. His social traits were of such a character as to commend him to the confidence, esteem, and friendship of a large circle of acquaintances. His frank, genial, and kindly disposition, which endeared him to all with whom he was associated, had its fullest and freest manifestation within the hallowed precincts of his own home. There, as the devoted husband and father, he exemplified those gentler virtues that impart to the domestic circle its highest interest and charm. There, where he was best known, he was most loved, and now, that he is gone, is most lamented. His was indeed "the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit." Modest and unobtrusive, he never sought publicity; neither did he refrain from entering any sphere of active duty to which his ministerial obligations called him.

For some time before his death his constantly declining health foretold his early departure. During the last session of our Conference sickness confined him for most of the time to his room, and when occasionally present his pallid face and attenuated form awoke our tenderest solicitude and sympathy. The fears then aroused were too sadly confirmed. On the 13th of August, 1874, he closed a life of faithful service by a peaceful and triumphant death. He had repaired shortly before his death to the mountains of Virginia, with the hope of deriving some benefit from their bracing air and healing waters; but his case was beyond the reach of all remedial agencies. Too much prostrated by disease to return to his own home, he lingered for nearly three weeks beneath the hospitable roof of the Rev. E. F. Heterick, of the Baltimore Annual Conference. There, tenderly cared for by the entire household, "and blessed with the unweary ministrations of the devoted companion of his life," he breathed his last. The pastor of his family thus describes his closing hours, of which he was an eye-witness: "He talked freely of his hope and assurance in Christ, and the blissful home which he was about to enter. The name of Jesus dwelt upon his lips. Precious words of Scripture, and lines of hymns which he had long been familiar with and loved, were the vehicles by which he conveyed to sorrowing friends that stood around his couch his bright hope of eternal life. When I asked him, 'Do you know me, Brother Baird?' he replied, very earnestly, 'Yes, and I know Jesus, my Saviour.' He was told that a number of the preachers wished to be remembered to him; he said, 'Give my warmest Christian love to all the members of the Baltimore Conference.' When he had become so feeble as to be unable to articulate distinctly, he was requested to raise his hand if all was well; immediately his hand was uplifted. It was his dying testimony to the love of Jesus, and the sustaining grace of God, his Saviour. A little while afterward, without a struggle or a groan, he passed gently and peacefully away."

LORENZO D. NIXON was born in Loudon co., Va., July 28, 1811. He was converted under the ministry of the Rev. C. B. Tippet, and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, in Leesburg, Va., Sept. 27, 1828. He was a local preacher about eight years. He was received into the traveling connection by the Baltimore Conference, held in Baltimore city, March, 1854. From that time until his death he was uninterruptedly engaged in the active itinerancy. He was appointed to the following charges: In 1854-5, to Little Levels Circuit, Pocahontas co., Va.; in 1856-7, to Sweet Springs Circuit, Monroe co., Va.; in 1858-9, to Monterey Circuit, Highland co., Va.; in 1860, to Warm Springs Circuit, Bath co., Va.; in 1861, to Blue Sulphur Circuit, Greenbrier co., Va.; in 1862-3-4, to Monroe Circuit, Monroe co., Va.; in 1865, to Frankford Circuit,

Greenbrier co., W. Va.; in 1866, to Fairfax Circuit, Fairfax co., Va.; in 1867, to Mt. Carmel Circuit, partly in Clarke co., and partly in Fauquier co., Va.; in 1868-9-70, to North River Mission, located in Hampshire co., and Hardy co., W. Va.; in 1871-2-3-4, to Farmwell Circuit, Loudon co., Va. Brother Nixon was a model of meekness and simplicity. Though lacking in demonstrativeness, he won the confidence of others by his unobtrusive and consistent piety. He was systematic in his labor, and attended with care to all the duties of a Methodist preacher. Such was his method that, though his death was sudden, the affairs of his circuit were so nicely arranged that no confusion resulted therefrom. He was a faithful and laborious servant of Christ. He was a man full of faith and the Holy Ghost. Many were born again through the word he preached. He was not subjected, like some, to tedious sickness prior to death, but survived only a few hours a stroke of paralysis which ended his earthly toil. He was conveyed to his home by a friend, a physician, and there, on the 28th of January, 1875, he passed from labor to his eternal rest.

RICHARD S. SHREVE was the oldest son of William and Mary Shreve. He was born Oct. 5, 1839, in Alexandria co., Va., and, together with his wife, was killed by lightning, on the 25th of June, 1874, at the parsonage of Upper Botetourt Circuit, Botetourt co., Va., in the 35th year of his age, and the 6th year of his itinerant ministry. He was consecrated to God in childhood, and grew up in the Church. He enjoyed the rights and privileges of the Church, and also the benefits of pious example and religious instruction at home. He was educated at Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pa., graduating in 1860, in the same class with P. H. Whisner, J. L. Shipley, and B. F. Ball, of our Conference. In the autumn of 1860, he took charge of a school at East New Market, Md. While there, he entertained the idea of studying law, and procured books for that purpose; but before the close of the year he abandoned the idea, and determined to yield to his convictions of duty, and enter the Christian ministry, and at once procured license as an exhorter. Soon after the war came on he returned to his home in Virginia, joined the Confederate Army, and remained in the service until the close of the war. While in the army he made use of his exhorter's license in conducting religious services in his battalion—holding prayer-meetings, reading the Scriptures, and exhorting his comrades, as occasion offered. At the close of the war he engaged in farming in Alexandria co., Va., meanwhile serving the Church acceptably as a local preacher. On Oct. 5, 1865, he married Miss Fannie E., daughter of Travis Epps, Esq., of Nottoway co., Va., a refined and accomplished lady, in every way worthy of her noble husband. In March, 1869, he was admitted into the traveling connection in the Baltimore Conference. His first field of labor was La

Fayette Circuit, Montgomery co., Va.; his second, Laurel, Anne Arundel co., Md. At the close of this year's labors, March, 1871, he asked for and obtained a location, with the view of removing and settling in Kentucky. His brethren, however, were loth to part with him, and protested against the move; and at the instance of Brother W. G. Coe, the Presiding Elder of the Lexington District, he was induced to take charge of Monterey Circuit, Highland co., Va. At the end of the year he was readmitted into the Conference, and returned to the same field. He served the people on Monterey Circuit three consecutive years, ending March, 1874. In these fields of labor he was diligent and faithful, and God owned and crowned his labors with a large measure of success. At our last Conference he was appointed to Upper Botetourt Circuit. He repaired to this field of labor with high hopes, and a determination to labor more diligently than ever in the cause he loved so well. He soon became endeared to the people of this circuit. Indeed, he was a "workman that needed not to be ashamed." His preaching was plain and practical, but characterized by originality of thought and earnestness and force in expression. He was an improving man, and would, doubtless, have taken prominent rank among his co-laborers of this Conference, had his life been spared. On the last Sunday before his death he preached with great warmth and pathos, and was so much moved himself that he was compelled frequently to brush away the gathering tears. He loved his work. In a letter to one of his brothers, written June 23, but two days before his death, he said: "Fannie (his wife) reminds me that just ten years ago this afternoon I was wounded in battle. Things have changed since then. Ten years! how has the time gone? What have I been doing? Ten years more! who can tell what they will bring? I hope, if God spares my life and gives me strength, that I will accomplish more than in the ten past." Thus we get an insight into the workman's mind and heart. He was laying his plans, and promising himself to be more useful, to accomplish more for his beloved Master. Thursday, June 25, the day of his death, he spent in pastoral work, and at the very moment when the summons came was about engaging in evening worship with his family. "The mortal arrow that pierced his frame" was the summons to join the worship of the Church above. The worship was suddenly interrupted; the interruption was, doubtless, brief—began on earth, continued in heaven. His body, with that of his wife, was conveyed to his old home. Funeral-services were held in our church, in the village of Falls Church, conducted by Brother L. H. Crenshaw, after which the bodies were borne away and deposited in one grave in the old family burying-ground in Alexandria co., Va. There they lie asleep in Jesus. "Lovely and pleasant in their lives, in their death they were not divided."

Ques. 20. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?

Their names were called over, one by one, and their characters examined and passed.

Ques. 21. What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations, and missions of the Conference?

Baltimore District.

	White Men's.	Col'd Men's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Baltimore:			
Central.....	187		5
St. Paul's.....	279		
Emmanuel.....	158		
Frederick Avenue.....	60		
Calvary.....	130		1
Baltimore Circuit.....	290		2
Arlington and Pikesville.....	107		1
Frederick City.....	115		1
Linganore.....	187		1
Rockville.....	431		2
Montgomery.....	224		1
Howard.....	157		1
Beltsville.....	172		
Laurel.....	170		
South River.....	133		
Bladensburg.....	172		
Emory.....	62		
German Mission.....	65		1
	3099		16

East Baltimore District.

	White Men's.	Col'd Men's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Baltimore:			
Trinity.....	334		
Hampden.....	50		2
East Baltimore.....	90		
North Baltimore.....	154		
Taylor's Circuit.....	148		
West Harford.....	61		
East Harford.....	91		
Talbot.....	254		1
Trappe.....	68		
Kent.....	93		
Queen Anne's.....	350		1
Severn.....	87		
West River.....	301		
Calvert.....	244		2
Prince George.....	333		2
Charles and St. Mary's.....	220		
	2878		8

Washington District.

	White Men's.	Col'd Men's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Washington:			
Mt. Vernon Place.....	285		
Alexandria.....	422	1	2
Fairfax.....	440	2	2
Falls Church.....	163		1
Farmwell.....	129	1	1
Leesburg.....	210	6	1
Hamilton and Grove.....	267		1
Potomac Mission.....	8		
Hillsboro.....	284	1	3
Leodan.....	530		2
Piedmont.....	515	3	1
Linden.....	288	16	
Warrenton.....	114	1	1
Fauquier.....	369		1
Prince William.....	200	3	
Stafford.....	340	1	1
Fredericksburg.....	211		
	4775	35	17

Winchester District.

	White Men's.	Col'd Men's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Winchester Station.....	567		2
Winchester Circuit.....	603	2	2
Frederick Circuit.....	75		1
Front Royal.....	370	2	2
Berryville.....	362		1

Winchester District (continued).

	White Men's.	Col'd Men's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Martinsburg.....	134		1
Berkeley.....	147		
Charlestown.....	226		
Jefferson.....	158		1
Shepherdstown.....	252		
Gainsboro.....	310	6	1
Morgan.....	86		1
Harper's Ferry.....	54		
Wardensville.....	218		
Strasburg.....	115		1
	3677	10	12

Rockingham District.

	White Men's.	Col'd Men's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Staunton.....	287		
Harrisonburg.....	300		
Shenandoah Iron Works.....	64	4	1
Mt. Sidney.....	201		2
Churchville.....	215	2	
Bridgewater.....	215		1
Sangersville.....	117		1
East Rockingham.....	178		1
Port Republic.....	110		
Rockingham.....	143		2
Elk Run.....	199		2
Broadway.....	33		
New Market.....	139	3	1
Woodstock.....	325	2	1
Luray.....	297		4
Powell's Fort.....	29		
	2912	11	16

Roanoke District.

	White Men's.	Col'd Men's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Salem.....	214		
Roanoke.....	243	2	3
Blacksburg.....	190		
Christiansburg.....	164		1
Fincaastle.....	407		1
Lexington Circuit.....	123		
James River.....	137		
New Castle.....	82	2	1
Catawba.....	75		1
Sinking Creek.....	190		2
La Fayette Mission.....	197		
	2032	4	9

Lewisburg District.

	White Men's.	Col'd Men's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Lewisburg.....	237		1
Frankford.....	278		1
White Sulphur.....	31		1
White Sulphur Circuit.....	104		2
Levelton.....	124		
Edray.....	80	2	2
Green Bank.....	222		
Centreville.....	290		1
Union.....	94		
Peterstown.....	140		
Summers.....	126	3	1
Hillsdale Mission.....	129		1
Blue Sulphur.....	250		
	2105	5	10

Lexington District.

	White Men's.	Col'd Men's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Lexington.....	150		
Collierstown.....	166	5	
Fairfield.....	228		
Greenville.....	66		
Angusta.....	228		
West Angusta.....	100	2	
Upper Botetourt.....	151		2
Covington.....	166		2
Alleghany.....	108		1
Monterey.....	275	6	
Crab Bottom.....	111	4	1
Highland.....	115	2	
Bath.....	117	1	
Green Valley.....			
	1981	20	6

Moorefield District.

	White Mem's.	Col'd Mem's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Moorefield.....	103	1	.....
Petersburg.....	173	.....	4
Franklin Mission.....	209	2	.....
South Branch.....	190	1	.....
Springfield.....	185	.....	.....
North River Mission.....	133	.....	1
Hardy.....	80	.....	1
Piedmont.....	258	.....	1
Frostburg and Somerset.....	122	.....	1
Cumberland.....	83	.....	.....
Flint Stone.....	170	.....	1
South Fork.....	.....	.....	.....
	1706	4	9

Recapitulation.

Baltimore District.....	3099	.....	16
East Baltimore ".....	2878	.....	8
Washington ".....	4775	35	17
Winchester ".....	3677	10	12
Rockingham ".....	2912	11	16
Roanoke ".....	2032	4	9
Lewisburg ".....	2105	5	10
Lexington ".....	1981	20	6
Moorefield ".....	1706	4	9
Total this year.....	25,165	89	103
Total last year.....	24,132	76	105
Increase.....	1033	13	.....
Decrease.....	.....	.....	2

Ques. 22. How many infants have been baptized during the year?
1532.

Ques. 23. How many adults have been baptized during the year?
1272.

Ques. 24. What is the number of Sunday-schools?
407.

Ques. 25. What is the number of Sunday-school teachers?
3599.

Ques. 26. What is the number of Sunday-school scholars?
21,417.

Ques. 27. What amount is necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers?
\$4,550.

Ques. 28. What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied?
Collected \$4,550. Applied to claimants.

Ques. 29. What has been contributed for missions?
\$7,486 89.

Ques. 30. Where shall the next session of the Conference be held?
At Winchester, Va.

Ques. 31. Where are the preachers stationed this year?

BALTIMORE DISTRICT.

Ezra F. Busey, P. E.

Baltimore:
Central, John A. Kern, J. N. Hank, Sup.
St. Paul's, S. Keener Cox.
{ Emmanuel, John Hannon, J. O. Hum-
mer, Sup.
{ Frederick Avenue, Burton S. Highley.
Calvary, H. H. Kennedy.
{ Baltimore Circuit, John Landstreet, W. R.
Stringer, Sup.
{ Arlington and Pikesville, George G. Brooke.
{ Frederick City, George T. Tyler.
{ Linganore Circuit, David B. ish.
Rockville Circuit, John C. D. ce, Charles M.
Brown.
Montgomery Circuit, Wm. A. Wade, Lewis
L. Lloyd.
Howard Circuit, J. C. Sedwick.
Beltsville Circuit, Wm. A. McDonald.
Laurel Circuit, Isaac W. Canter, W. J. Perry,
Sup.
South River Circuit, Robert Smith.
{ Bladensburg Circuit, J. W. Ewan.
{ Emory, Wm. E. Miller.
German Mission, Gotlieb Meyer.

EAST BALTIMORE DISTRICT.

Dabney Ball, P. E.

Baltimore:
Trinity, Wm. W. Walker, E. R. Smith,
Sup.
East Baltimore, L. W. Haslup, J. N. Span-
gler, Sup.
North Baltimore, S. W. Haddaway.
Taylor Circuit, Thos. W. Brown.
{ West Harford Circuit, John G. Knight.
{ East Harford Circuit, F. C. Tebbs.
Talbot Circuit, Rumsey Smithson, one to be
supplied.
Trappe Station, B. W. Bond.
Kent Circuit, C. L. Torreyson.
Queen Anne Circuit, W. W. Watts, A. T. M.
Seat.
Severn Circuit, John W. Steele.
West River Circuit, E. H. Henry, R. M. Wil-
liams.
Calvert Circuit, G. W. Lightner, one to be
supplied.
Prince George Circuit, W. H. Seat, A. M.
Cackley.
Charles Circuit, H. W. Kinzer.

WASHINGTON DISTRICT.

Nelson Head, P. E.

Washington:
Mt. Vernon Place, A. W. Wilson, J. W.
Boteler, Sup.
Alexandria, J. H. Waugh, F. M. Mills, Sup.
Fairfax Circuit, C. A. Joyce, J. W. Shoaff.
Falls Church, W. G. Hammond.
Farmwell Circuit, O. C. Beall.
{ Leesburg, J. S. Gardner.
{ Potomac Mission, John P. Hall.
Hamilton and Grove, L. H. Crenshaw.

Hillsboro, L. R. Jones, J. H. Boyd.
 Loudon Circuit, T. E. Carson, R. A. McElhinney.
 { Piedmont Circuit, C. G. Linthicum.
 { Warrenton Circuit, James Higgins.
 Linden Circuit, L. H. Baldwin.
 Fauquier Circuit, H. A. Gaver.
 Prince William Circuit, J. M. Grandin.
 Stafford Circuit, S. F. Butt, J. T. Smith.
 Fredericksburg Station, R. R. S. Hough.
 J. Poisal, Editor *Episcopal Methodist*.

WINCHESTER DISTRICT.

S. Regester, P. E.

Winchester Station, Samuel Rodgers.
 Winchester Circuit, W. G. Eggleston, J. H. March.
 { Strausburg Circuit, M. G. Balthis.
 { Frederick Mission, Geo. Stevenson, E. F. Heterick, Sup.
 { Front Royal and Riverton, J. H. Dulaney.
 { Warren Circuit, J. Asbury Regester.
 Berryville Mission, A. B. Dolly.
 Brucetown Circuit, S. Townsend, J. F. Baggs.
 Martinsburg Station, L. C. Miller.
 Berkeley Circuit, John W. Wolff.
 Charlestown, S. G. Ferguson.
 Shepherdstown, A. A. P. Neale.
 Gainsboro, L. G. Martin, one to be supplied.
 Wardensville, L. C. Grabill, M. A. Taylor, Sup.
 { Morgan Mission, W. M. Hiner.
 { Shenandoah Mission, A. Robey.
 J. P. Hyde, Principal Lonoak Female College.

ROCKINGHAM DISTRICT.

D. Thomas, P. E.

Staunton, John S. Martin, A. R. Martin, Sup.
 Harrisonburg, S. S. Roszell.
 Shenandoah Iron Works, W. C. Maloy.
 Mount Sidney Circuit, J. H. Temple.
 Churchville Circuit, J. F. Liggett, Geo. R. Jefferson, Sup.
 Bridgewater, Gilson Mauzee.
 Sangersville Circuit, Frazier Furr.
 Rockingham Mission, J. T. Maxwell.
 East Rockingham Circuit, F. A. Strother, Henry C. Calwell.
 Port Republic Circuit, Geo. B. Allen.
 Elk Run Mission, Wm. B. Dorsey.
 Furnace No. 2 Mission, L. Fox.
 New Market Circuit, C. L. Dameron.
 Woodstock Circuit, Wm. C. Ross, one to be supplied, F. H. Richey, Sup.
 Luray Circuit, A. C. Gearhart, A. Boone, Sup.
 Wm. A. Harris, President Wesleyan Female Institute.

ROANOKE DISTRICT.

James E. Armstrong, P. E.

Salem, J. W. Duffy.
 Roanoke Circuit, J. J. Engle.
 Blacksburg, B. F. Ball.
 Christiansburg Mission, F. A. Mercer.
 Fincastle Circuit, J. M. Follansbee, A. Ezra Bradenbaugh.

Lexington Circuit, A. Poe Boude.
 James River Circuit, J. T. Williams.
 Newcastle Mission, Robert Ross.
 Catawba Mission, to be supplied (by John D. Eddington).
 Sinking Creek Circuit, F. H. Shipley.
 La Fayette Mission, Leonidas Butt.

LEWISBURG DISTRICT.

Wm. G. Coe, P. E.

Lewisburg Station, P. B. Smith.
 Frankford Circuit, J. J. Crickenberger, H. S. Coe.
 { White Sulphur, V. W. Wheeler.
 { White Sulphur Circuit, to be supplied.
 Blue Sulphur Circuit, W. L. Lynch, one to be supplied.
 Levelton, J. R. Vanhorne.
 Edray Mission, John W. Canter.
 Green Bank, H. W. Strickler.
 Centreville, J. F. Follin.
 Union, H. C. Pitzer.
 Peterstown, J. N. Gray.
 Summers, O. F. Burgess.
 Hillsdale Mission, R. H. Wheeler.

LEXINGTON DISTRICT.

John L. Gilbert, P. E.

Lexington Station, Wm. K. Boyle.
 Colliertown, A. Q. Fiaherly, E. L. Kregelo, Sup.
 Fairfield Mission, J. S. Porter, R. G. Simmons.
 Augusta Circuit, A. Weller, one to be supplied.
 West Augusta Mission, S. B. Dolly.
 Upper Botetourt Circuit, W. W. Hederick.
 Covington, W. T. Quinn.
 Alleghany, Henry S. Watts.
 Monterey, Thos. Hildebrand, Michael Scanlan.
 Crab Bottom, R. H. Wilson.
 Highland, H. D. Bishop.
 Bath, S. S. Ryder.
 Green Valley Mission, A. H. Way.

MOOREFIELD DISTRICT.

P. H. Whisner, P. E.

Moorefield Station, W. H. Wilson.
 Petersburg, J. D. C. Hanna.
 Franklin, S. R. Snapp.
 Keyser City, Wesley Hammond.
 South Branch, J. S. Hutchinson, J. Kyle Gilbert.
 Springfield, Jas. H. Wolff, T. G. Nevitt.
 North River, John W. Shreve.
 Hardy Mission, W. Varner.
 Piedmont Station, J. Lester Shipley.
 Frostburg Circuit, C. E. Simmons.
 Listonville, Luke R. Markwood.
 Cumberland Station, George H. Zimmerman.
 Flintstone, James Beatty.
 Rainsburg, J. R. Andrew.
 South Fork Mission, Asbury C. McNeer.

James W. Compton transferred to Columbia Conference.

J. Rembert Smith transferred to South Georgia Conference.

L. H. Davis and James D. Reese transferred to Illinois Conference.

John L. Clarke transferred to Virginia Conference.

E. B. Duncan transferred to Florida Conference.

Williamson Harris transferred to Denver Conference.

H. W. Leslie transferred to Holston Conference.

II.—VIRGINIA CONFERENCE.

HELD AT DANVILLE, VA., November 17-24, 1875.

BISHOP McTYEIRE, *President*; PAUL WHITEHEAD, *Secretary*.

QUESTION 1. Who are admitted on trial?

ANSWER. Samuel A. Steel, William W. Royall, Lewis B. Betty, John E. Deshazo, William W. Lear, Paul Bradley. 6.

Ques. 2. Who remain on trial?

James H. Maynard, Franklin C. Woodward, James H. Dalby, William H. Atwell, Charles D. Crawley, Benjamin S. Herring, William J. Twilly. 7.

Ques. 3. Who are discontinued?

William R. Cobb; Frederick Bickel, withdrawn. 2.

Ques. 4. Who are admitted into full connection?

William R. Smithey, John H. Kabler, Henry C. Paulett, John H. Patteson, Charles H. Green, Herbert M. Hope, John T. Moore. 7.

Ques. 5. Who are readmitted?

William Carter, Alexander Doniphan. 2.

Ques. 6. Who are received by transfer from other Conferences?

Francis J. Boggs, Charles H. Boggs, William A. Laughon, John L. Clarke, J. W. Crider. 5.

Ques. 7. Who are the deacons of one year?

Thomas H. Campbell, Richard J. Moorman, James E. Gates, Walter C. Taylor, Christian Evers. 5.

Ques. 8. What traveling preachers are elected deacons?

William R. Smithey, John H. Kabler, Henry C. Paulett, John H. Patteson, Charles H. Green, Herbert M. Hope, John T. Moore, James H. Maynard. 8.

Ques. 9. What traveling preachers are ordained deacons?

William R. Smithey, John H. Kabler, Henry C. Paulett, John H. Patteson, Charles H. Green, Herbert M. Hope, John T. Moore, James H. Maynard. 8.

Ques. 10. What local preachers are elected deacons?

Edward C. Robinson, Edward D. Barnett, John Walker Parish, William W. Royall. 4.

Ques. 11. What local preachers are ordained deacons?

Alfred Stables, Edward D. Barnett, John Walker Parish, William W. Royall, Abram Carter (colored). 5.

Ques. 12. What traveling preachers are elected elders?

Werter H. Gregory, Lewis A. Guy. 2.

Ques. 13. What traveling preachers are ordained elders?

Werter H. Gregory, Lewis A. Guy. 2.

Ques. 14. What local preachers are elected elders?

William G. Clarke, James H. Barnes, Thomas W. Rowlett, John W. Syncoe. 4.

Ques. 15. What local preachers are ordained elders?

William G. Clarke, John W. Syncoe, Elisha J. Eudaily. 3.

Ques. 16. Who are located this year?

James F. Finnell. 1.

Ques. 17. Who are supernumerary?

John J. Lafferty, William H. Camper, Thomas H. Early, James A. Riddick, William J. Norfleet, Joseph E. Potts, Thos. P. Wise. 7.

Ques. 18. Who are superannuated?

George W. Langhorne, John W. McClellan, Walter C. Taylor, Benjamin Devany, John C. Garlick, Jacob Shough, Benjamin M. Williams, Samuel T. Moorman, Benjamin T. Ames, William A. Robinson, Robert Michaels, James McAden, William Carter, Fielding A. Davis, George W. Nolley. 15.

Ques. 19. What preachers have died during the past year?

Henry B. Cowles, L. J. Hansberger, Joseph Carson. Also, William E. Mitchell, a preacher on trial. 3.

HENRY BROWN COWLES was born in Fauquier co., Va., Nov. 2, 1803. His parents were strict Methodists, and he was brought up under the influence of Christianity. At a camp-meeting, Aug. 30, 1818, he gave himself to

Christ, was happily converted, and joined the M. E. Church, at Providence meeting-house, Stafford co., Va. This remarkable change in his sentiments and feelings was manifested in all his after life. He never revoked the solemn vow which he made in the hour of his conversion, but maintained it through life by a uniform and consistent piety. In 1830 he left Tennessee, whither he had gone with his parents, and returned to Virginia. Brother Cowles returned to Virginia for the purpose of commencing and exercising his ministry for the benefit of the citizens of his native State. He obtained a license to exhort on Culpepper Circuit, Nov. 27, 1830, and immediately began to proclaim the gospel. This step was not taken, however, until after many conflicts and much hesitation. He had repeatedly said, "Send by whom Thou wilt, but not by me." Nevertheless, his early efforts were a decided success. In February, 1831, he connected himself with the Virginia Conference, then holding its session in Newbern, N. C., and was sent thence to Amherst Circuit, where he labored with singular success and great acceptability. He was married to Miss Juliet Irvine in the spring of 1836, in New Glasgow, Amherst co., by Bishop Early, and found in her a cheerful, prudent, highly intelligent, affectionate, and tender wife, who made his home happy, and assisted in the faithful training of their family. He filled most of the prominent stations within the bounds of the Virginia Conference, and occupied for more than twenty years the responsible position of Presiding Elder; in all of which work he manifested his characteristic zeal in the great cause in which he was engaged, and his fidelity to Christ in the advancement of his glorious kingdom among men. At the earnest solicitation of the Board of Trustees of Randolph Macon College, in 1854, he was appointed agent to represent the interests of that noble institution. And faithfully did he acquit himself in the execution of the important trust committed to his charge. He projected a plan to raise for the institution an endowment of \$100,000, and prosecuted it to a successful issue. But his unparalleled labors in the accomplishment of this grand enterprise impaired his health, and laid the foundation of a disease which finally terminated his useful life. Though laboring under the influence of a broken constitution, he refused to abandon, for a season of rest, his loved employment, and for the remaining years of his life preached the unsearchable riches of Christ with his accustomed zeal and enthusiasm, until he laid his body down with his charge, "and ceased at once to work and live." In his last hours he said nothing in reference to his hopes in the future; but, like the immortal Whitefield, having so fully borne his testimony for Christ while living, it was not required in death. He died quietly and peacefully on Saturday, Nov. 28, 1874, at the house of Judge E. M. Mann, his son-in-law, in Petersburg, Va., attended by his devoted wife and ministered to by her

loving hands and those of faithful friends. Brother Cowles had a strongly marked character. His uprightness and piety were unquestioned and irreproachable. He had a remarkable degree of caution and prudence; but these traits were balanced by sincerity and courage. His talents for business were uncommonly good; he was a keen judge of character, and a skillful manager of men. At protracted and camp-meetings his eye swept the whole field, watched every point, and saw quickly what was to be guarded, and where effective assaults could be made on the kingdom of Satan. Though so cautious, he had no coldness about his nature, for fervor in friendship and in religion distinguished him above most men. He was punctual, industrious, faithful, and painstaking in the discharge of every duty, overlooking no details. His preaching was simple, direct, earnest, full of unction and spiritual power.

L. J. HANSBERGER breathed his last at the parsonage of his circuit, at Concord Depot, Appomattox co., Va., Dec. 6, 1874. He was born in Rockingham co., Va., Feb. 27, 1815, and died in the 60th year of his age. Brother Hansberger entered the ministry in 1838, and traveled under the Presiding Elder until March, 1839, when he entered the Baltimore Conference. He was ordained deacon in 1841, by Bishop Waugh. Becoming connected by marriage with slavery, his ordination as elder was refused him in 1843; and the Church being divided in 1844, he determined at once to unite with Southern Methodism. He wrote to the Rev. John Early, afterward Bishop Early, offering himself to the Virginia Conference. His letter, however, never reached its destination, and, receiving no reply, he took no farther steps immediately to accomplish his object. In 1845 he was ordained elder by Bishop Hedding, on condition that he would locate, which he did, and for thirteen years he faithfully worked as a local preacher in his Master's vineyard. He entered the Virginia Conference in the autumn of 1858, and from that time his life was one of unceasing activity in his efforts to do good. He traveled the Lancaster Circuit two years; Sussex Circuit two years; Pittsylvania Circuit three years; Halifax Circuit two years; Cumberland Circuit four years; and Appomattox Circuit three years, where he "ceased at once to work and live." Thus he passed away from among us a most useful and exemplary Christian minister. Brother Hansberger was an excellent preacher. He had large and laborious circuits. He was a diligent pastor, attending faithfully to all the duties of a Methodist preacher. He had a large family, and many cares arising from an inadequate support; yet he managed to find time to secure much and varied information, and to apply it in such a manner that his preaching was with power. He rightly divided the word of God, and gave to each his portion in due season. He was a devout Christian. He did not permit his public duties to

interfere with his private communion with God. He believed in the doctrine of the witness of the Spirit, and he exercised himself in prayer until he could "read his title clear to mansions in the skies." He was a useful preacher. He labored for immediate results. He was not satisfied unless souls were converted to God through his preaching; and the Church was not only edified in his different fields of labor, but its numerical strength was greatly increased where he traveled, and all its material interests were developed. He was a courteous Christian gentleman. His intercourse with his brethren in the ministry and the people everywhere was marked by the greatest affability and the most unexceptionable propriety. At one time—before the war—he was in affluent circumstances; and then he dispensed a most generous hospitality. And he was as unselfish as he was courteous. A noble specimen of a man fell in the death of L. J. Hansberger. But death found him at his post. Most earnestly had he served his people. In fact, it is thought, he shortened his days by his abundant labors. He could not be induced to desist until disease laid him upon his bed. Then he was cheerful and resigned. He felt that his work was done, and his reward was sure. His end was most peaceful, and his parishioners crowded to his funeral, and with Masonic ceremonies they laid him away in the quiet grave, over which might be most appropriately inscribed, "Servant of God, well done!"

JOSEPH CARSON was born in Winchester, Frederick co., Va., on Feb. 19, 1785. His parents were Joseph and Rebecca Carson. His mother was his father's second wife, of whom he was the only son. She was a Miss Curry, of Scotch birth and ancestry, though at the time of her marriage she was a resident of Pennsylvania. At the death of his mother, when he was but two years old, he was committed to the care of Mrs. Osborne, who, though not a kinswoman, was a very kind Christian friend and neighbor of the family. Subsequently, his half-brother, Beattie Carson, took charge of him; and the influence of this godly man, who was one of the first stewards of the Methodist Church in Winchester, Va., deeply impressed his young heart on the subject of religion, and happily restrained the strong tendencies of his youth to worldly pleasures. In his fifteenth year, at a watch-night meeting, held in his native town, on the last night of the year 1800, he was powerfully convicted of sin. The Rev. Christopher Frye, whom he ever afterward gratefully claimed as his spiritual father, conducted the exercises of this meeting, assisted by the Rev., afterward Bishop, Enoch George, the Rev. Hamilton Jefferson, and the Rev. Thornton Fleming—names not less precious than familiar to every student of Methodist Church history. It was an occasion of great spiritual power; Christians shouted for joy, penitents were happily converted, and sinners were aroused to a

realizing sense of their guilt. The heart of young Carson was pierced by the sharp arrow of divine truth. He cried to God for mercy, but for long weeks and months his agonizing heart found no peace. In April, 1801, he united with the Methodist Episcopal Church as a seeker of religion; and in May of that year, at a prayer-meeting, held in the house of the Rev. James Wall, a local preacher of great usefulness, in Winchester, Va., he received the witness of the Spirit to his adoption as a child of God. That year, though not too soon in his case, he was appointed a class-leader. Early in the year 1802 he was licensed an exhorter; and later, in the same year, he was licensed a local preacher—in both instances without his knowledge or consent. The judgment of the Church, thus officially expressed, that he was called of God to preach the gospel, confirmed the pungent conviction of his own mind on this subject, dating from the very hour of his conversion, but of which he had been studiously silent in all of his intercourse with his brethren. Still, he was not willing to obey the divine call. He became very unhappy; his mental sufferings seriously impaired his health; and at last, feeling that necessity was laid upon him—indeed, that a longer refusal to obey the Spirit's call would be a virtual forfeiture of his hope of heaven—he resolved, with much fear and trembling, to preach, as best he could, the unsearchable riches of Christ. Under his first sermon a soul was converted, and under his second two persons found peace in believing. These first-fruits of the abundant harvest of souls safely gathered into the garner of Christ, through his instrumentality, greatly encouraged him to press forward in his great work. In 1803 he assisted the Rev. James Quin on Redstone Circuit; in 1804, by appointment of the Rev. Daniel Hitt, Presiding Elder of Alexandria District, of the Baltimore Conference, he assisted the Rev. Henry Smith, preacher in charge of Winchester Circuit; and in April, 1805, he was admitted into the Baltimore Conference, as a traveling preacher, on trial. From 1805 to 1812 the name of Joseph Carson appears, in consecutive order, in the Minutes of the Baltimore Conference. The session of 1805 was held in Winchester, Va., in the house of the Rev. George A. Reid, a local preacher, whose genuine hospitality and fervent zeal in the ministry are still gratefully remembered in that place. Bishops Asbury and Whatcoat presided, made all the appointments, and examined all the candidates for the ministry, without the aid of council or committees. The appointment of Brother Carson was to Wyoming Circuit, under the senior charge of the Rev. James Painter, on Susquehanna District, the Rev. Anning Owen Presiding Elder. This circuit embraced all that part of Pennsylvania from the western branch of the Susquehanna River nearly to the New York State line, being four hundred miles in circumference, having thirty-two appointments for preaching in twenty-eight days, re-

quiring the preacher to cross eight mountains and a swamp fifty miles wide, on each of his monthly rounds, and abounding in religious controversy and persecution, from Universalists, Hell Redemptionists, Seventh-day Baptists, Free-will Baptists, Deists, and Atheists. There was not a church on the circuit—the preaching was in private houses, barns, and groves; nevertheless, six hundred souls were added to the Church, and a new circuit was formed, that year. In March, 1806, at the Conference held in Baltimore, Md., he was appointed to Carlisle Circuit, embracing the towns of Carlisle, Chambersburg, Gettysburg, Waynesboro, Shippensburg, Lewisburg, and the adjacent counties of York, Adams, and Cumberland. This was a pleasant and successful year. The circuit had thirty-two appointments in twenty-eight days, but the community being comparatively populous and refined, the appointment was considered a very favorable one for a young man in that day. At the next Conference, also held in Baltimore, March, 1807, Brother Carson was admitted to full membership, and was ordained a deacon by Bishop Asbury. This year he was placed in charge of Staunton Circuit, embracing the whole of Augusta and parts of Rockingham and Rockbridge counties, and of which he made the round every two weeks, preaching, as before, thirty-two times every twenty-eight days. Here, in the beautiful Valley of Virginia, in a strong Presbyterian settlement, he met, for the first and last time, with the most mysterious phenomena in the early religious history of this country—the “jerks,” as they were called, which he witnessed in various forms, sometimes amusing, sometimes serious, sometimes appalling. They were witnessed among all classes of the population, and were, to his mind, entirely inexplicable. Before the close of this year the exigencies of the work on Harrisonburg Circuit required his removal to that field, where he made the valuable acquaintance of that sainted man, Dr. Harrison, the honored father of the late Prof. Gessner Harrison, LL.D., whom he appointed class-leader of the Church in Harrisonburg, an office which he ever afterward faithfully and usefully filled. In 1808 he was appointed to Botetourt Circuit, embracing the territory now known in the Baltimore Conference as Roanoke District. At the Conference held in Harrisonburg, March, 1809, he was graduated to elder's orders, ordained by Bishop McKendree, and appointed to Greenbrier Circuit. In 1810 he was appointed to Lancaster Circuit, embracing the Northern Neck of Virginia. This was one of the fields of his greatest usefulness. He added four hundred members to the Church. Bishop Doggett's father was a local preacher on this circuit, and at his house Brother Carson preached once each month. The Bishop was born this year, and, when but an infant, was often dandled on the knee of this faithful pastor of the family. The Bishop alluded very touchingly to this fact when, in his elo-

quent address to the Virginia Conference in Petersburg, November, 1867, he pointed to this venerable man of God and said: “On my left I see the brother who preached in my father's house when I was born, and dandled me on his knee when I was an infant. My first lessons were learned from him. He was my tutor, and his name is embalmed in my memory.” In 1811 he received his last appointment from the Baltimore Conference. He was sent to Hartford Circuit, but early in the year his health, which had been seriously impaired by the labor and exposure of the previous year, utterly incapacitated him for the duties of his charge. The best medical skill could afford him no relief from the dreadful malady which he had contracted in the malarial atmosphere of Tide-water Virginia. His life was several times despaired of. At the next Conference, held in Leesburg, Va., his shattered health painfully constrained him to locate. In 1812 he was united in marriage with Miss Mary Reid, daughter of the Rev. George A. Reid, of Winchester. Lynchburg was selected as the place of his residence. Here he engaged in secular business, which he prosecuted with his usual industry, making a comfortable living for his family. As a local preacher he was very useful to the Church in this community, often extending his ministerial labors to the adjacent circuits, where his services were highly appreciated. But the afflictive hand of God was heavy upon him. His faithful wife died, in the midst of life; of the four children she bore him three bright boys were buried by the grave of their mother; and his own bodily sufferings were often very painful. Indeed, all the years of his location were years of sadness and suffering; and perhaps his greatest affliction was the local relation itself, originally taken for providential reasons, but which was continued because, as a married man, it was not possible, at that day, to obtain a support for his family in the itinerant ministry. We ought to be very grateful that the severe bereavements which darkened his home and lacerated his heart at the same time opened the way for his return to “his loved employ” in the true apostolic succession of the Methodist itinerancy. In 1823 we rejoice to find him on Greenville Circuit, traveling under appointment of our sainted father, Bishop, then the Rev. John Early, Presiding Elder of Meherrin District. In March, 1824, at Petersburg, he was received into the Virginia Annual Conference, from which he never separated until the Great Bishop of souls transferred him to “the glorious company of the apostles, the goodly fellowship of the prophets, and the noble army of martyrs.” When he joined the Virginia Conference the membership of the Church was 328,523, among whom were fifty-six Indians, who appear this year for the first time in the General Minutes. There were 1,272 traveling preachers, 13 Annual Conferences, 5 Bishops—viz.: Bishops McKendree, George, Roberts, Soule, and Hedding. The salary of a travel-

ing preacher was \$100, and \$100 for his wife, provided he was single when he entered the Conference, and did not marry under four years in the regular work; for his children of seven years \$16, and for those of fourteen years \$24, provided they had no other means of support. These facts and statistics indicate, to some extent, the rapid growth of Methodism during the nineteen years of his ministry, especially in the numerical increase of its ministry and membership, which was considerably more than two hundred per cent. The Virginia Conference had kept pace with, if it had not gone in advance of, the average prosperity of the Church. It reported this year 79 traveling preachers, 28,098 members of the Church, 46 circuits and stations, and 6 Presiding Elders' Districts—viz.: James River, Meherrin, Norfolk, Yadkin, Neuse, and Roanoke. Among the leading members of the Conference were John Early, Lewis Skidmore, Peter Doub, Caleb Leach, Ethelbert Drake, W. H. Starr, George A. Bain, Thomas Crowder, H. G. Leigh, and Benjamin Devany. Of the whole body the venerable brother last mentioned is the only survivor. He lives to-day as the only link in the sadly broken chain of the Virginia Conference ministry that connects us with the venerated and illustrious fathers of 1824. In the Virginia Conference Brother Carson received the following appointments—all of which he cheerfully accepted as a loyal son of the Church, and filled with conspicuous ability, fidelity, and success—viz.: 1824, Roanoke Circuit; 1825-6, Richmond; 1827, Norfolk; 1828-9, Roanoke District; 1830-1-2, Neuse District; 1833, Richmond; 1834-5-6, Roanoke District; 1837-8-9-40, Charlottesville District; 1841, Madison Circuit; 1842-3, Petersburg, at Plum-street and Ettricks; 1844, Manchester Circuit; 1845-6, Petersburg, colored congregation; 1847, Richmond, Union Station; 1848-9, Culpepper Circuit; 1850, Suffolk Circuit; 1851, Culpepper Circuit. *Twelve* of these *twenty-seven* years he was a Presiding Elder. To this responsible and laborious office he was admirably adapted. His mind was clear, logical, powerful; his character was strong, pure, self-sacrificing; his preaching was expository, evangelical, unctuous; his administration was prompt, thorough, decisive; his personal bearing was dignified, genial, confiding; his *physique* was of medium height, compactly formed and commanding; his voice was thrilling and impressive; his enunciation was distinct and emphatic; his features, though symmetrical, were very strongly marked; and his face, when preaching, and sometimes in private conversation, was bright with the light of heaven; and his eye would flame with celestial fire. His large Districts felt and enjoyed his quarterly visitations. As a vigilant officer, his discerning eye was upon every part of the widely-extended field, and no interest of the Church escaped his notice or suffered in his hands. His preaching kindled an inextinguishable flame wherever he went. The systematic and dis-

tinctive doctrines of Methodism were stated, expounded, and defended with transparent and convincing logic; the religious life of the Church was quickened, elevated, purified; sinners, by thousands and tens of thousands, were converted through his instrumentality; the missionary and educational enterprises of the Church received from him an active coöperation, a liberal support, an eloquent advocacy; the benevolent collections ordered by the Conference were seldom, if ever, reported by him in arrears of the amount required; nor was he indifferent to the literature and architecture of the Church; Methodist books and periodicals were scattered far and wide through the vast area of his travels, and churches and parsonages dot the territory of the Virginia and North Carolina Conferences, which were projected and built through his instrumentality and influence. As a pastor, Richmond and Norfolk were the most fruitful fields of his great usefulness. He was stationed in Richmond in 1825-6; his church was located on the corner of Franklin and 19th streets, where a large tobacco factory now stands. In the Minutes of 1825 the numerical strength of Methodism in Richmond is put down at 200 white members; in the short space of two years he more than doubled the membership. The great revival which occurred under his ministry extended to all the Churches in the city; other denominations shared largely in its precious fruits, and a religious sentiment was generated which was a great and permanent blessing to the whole community. From this date a new era of prosperity and power dawned upon the Church in Richmond; for the next year two churches—Trinity and Shockoe Hill—appear on the Minutes for the first time, prospering under the eloquent and effective ministry of the Revs. G. W. Charlton and Wm. Hammett. In Norfolk the work of Brother Carson, in the year 1827, was not less glorious in its fruits; about 150 members were added to the Church. Of his ministry in this place the Rev. George W. Langhorne, speaking in his presence at the Conference in Petersburg, November, 1867, said: "It is not customary to eulogize the living; but our eulogies meet not his ear (he was very deaf). My knowledge of Joseph Carson dates back to the infancy of my religious experience. In 1827 he was sent from Richmond to Norfolk, and there won victories to Christ such as have never been equaled in that city. He was regarded as the 'Great-heart' in the armies of the Prince of Peace. His name is written in the journals of history, and shouts have been borne to glory from every place he has visited. More souls have been converted under his ministry than under any other, excepting, perhaps, Bishop Early. He will live as long as the Virginia Conference lives; he will live forever!" His ministry in Petersburg was also a great blessing to the Church. The Rev. P. A. Peterson, who is with us to-day, an able, useful, honored member of this body, was converted under his ministry in this place. The Rev. Leonidas Rosser, the successful evangelist of the Conference, though not converted under

his ministry, received from him the seed of truth from the fingers of Jesus, which gave the whole tendency and energy to his subsequent life. The Rev. A. G. Brown also claims him as his spiritual father. At the session of the Conference held in Alexandria, Va., November, 1851, his failing health compelled him, though reluctantly, to take a supernumerary relation, which he retained until November, 1867, when, at the Conference in Petersburg, where, forty years from that date, he had joined that body as an itinerant Methodist preacher, his brethren entered his name on the superannuated list. But this action of the Conference, which was taken, in both instances, through a delicate consideration for his health and comfort in the evening of his long and laborious life, did not abate an iota of his quenchless zeal for the Master. To the full measure of his strength and opportunities he continued to preach until death terminated his mission and fixed the seal of silence on his lips forever. He delighted to assist the preachers in their protracted and camp meetings, and had frequent appointments of his own in his neighborhood. Nor did he rest from this glorious work during the dark days of the late war. He often preached to the Confederate soldiers, sometimes twice a day, when he was seventy-eight years old. And when his neighbors were cut off from Church privileges, the churches having been destroyed by the Federal armies, an unoccupied house was fitted up with rude seats, where they often assembled to hear from him the "good news" of salvation. And just one year before his death, in one week, he rode forty miles on horseback, and preached three times. Faithfully he held forth the word of life until the flaming torch of gospel truth dropped from his hand in the hour of death. On Jan. 17, 1839, he was married to his second wife—Amanda J. Spindle, daughter of Col. Thomas Spindle, of Rappahannock co., Va., who died Aug. 16, 1841, leaving but one child—a daughter—whose filial obedience, wealth of tender, ardent affection, sweet and intelligent companionship, and tireless attention to his wants and wishes, made her a priceless treasure to her father in his extreme age and debility. To his third wife, Jane M. Payne, of Culpepper co., Va., he was married on Dec. 21, 1848; and a kinder, more devoted wife never blessed the heart and home of any man. She still lives, patiently awaiting the glorious hope, by which she is sustained in her affliction. The home-life of Brother Carson opens to us one of the most attractive views of his character. Here we behold him in his closet five times every day, and at the family altar leading the devotions of the household; here we breathe the atmosphere of conjugal and filial love; here we enjoy the most delightful companionship; here we receive a cordial, abundant hospitality—altogether the very perfection of a pure, happy, unostentatious Christian home. In the bosom of this sweet, quiet home, in Culpepper co., Va., where he resided about twenty-seven years, he died

of pneumonia, on Thursday, April 15, 1875, in the 91st year of his age, having been a member of the Church about seventy-four years, and a minister of the gospel about seventy-three years. He was ill but a few days prior to his death, and suffered very little, if any, pain. He rested quietly all night, sleeping as sweetly as an infant in its mother's arms. The morning broke over the deep blue mountains, but he awoke not; gentle voices called him, but he heard not; loving arms embraced him, but he responded not. At a little after nine o'clock in the morning he ceased to breathe—he was dead; no, not dead—he sleepeth, sleepeth peacefully, in Jesus, who shall awake him to a glorious resurrection in the last day.

His spirit, with a bound,
Left its encumbering clay:
His tent, at sunrise, on the ground,
A darkened ruin lay.

Soldier of Christ, well done!
Praise be thy new employ;
And while eternal ages run,
Rest in thy Saviour's joy.

WILLIAM E. MITCHELL was born in Essex co., Va. He was the son of the Rev. Richard H. Mitchell, a local preacher of great usefulness, and a brother of the Rev. H. P. Mitchell, of this Conference. His father, upon his death-bed, requested that Brother Mitchell should receive a liberal education, for which he had previously made provision. But before he left school the war came, and he promptly laid aside his work, joined his companions in the Confederate Army, and fought gallantly, in his place beside the bravest and best young men of the day, against what he considered his and his country's foe, until the close of the struggle. During all those dark, bloody days he sustained his high character as a Christian and a gentleman; having been early converted, he had already formed a character that stood the test of those days of temptation. After the close of the war he entered the Biblical Class at Randolph Macon College, and graduated in several studies. In the summer of 1872, immediately after he left the college, he was employed by Brother Cowles, then Presiding Elder of the Lynchburg District, to assist the Rev. R. B. Beadles on the Buckingham Circuit. The young recruit proved worthy of such a leader as the venerable and now sainted Cowles. A few days after he entered this field he engaged with Brother Beadles in a series of protracted meetings, which took within their range the whole of that large circuit, continued without cessation for three months, and resulted in the conversion of two hundred and thirty souls. This was his first campaign. In the autumn of the same year (1872) he was received on trial by the Conference, appointed to the Berlin Circuit, where he labored with acceptability and success for one year; and at the Conference of 1873 he was assigned to the Wicomico Circuit, which was his last work. In March, 1874, he was stricken down with hemorrhage from

the lungs. He then returned to his boyhood's home in Essex county, where his last days were blessed by all that loving hearts and hands could do to make him comfortable and happy. He ended his brief career on Sept. 21, 1875, at the residence of his brother, James Mitchell, Esq., of King William county. He died—as he had lived from boyhood—in the faith.

Ques. 20. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?

Their names were called over, one by one, and their characters examined and passed.

Ques. 21. What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations, and missions of the Conference?

Danville District.

	White Mem's.	Col'd Mem's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Danville:			
Main Street.....	227		2
Lynn Street.....	205		1
Charlotte.....	298	1	1
West Charlotte.....	127	1	1
South of Dan.....	460	1	3
Ringgold.....	97		
Bannister.....	320	5	3
Pittsylvania.....	420	3	2
Franklin.....	376		1
East Franklin.....	308	8	1
Henry.....	308		
Patrick.....	148	12	
Dan River.....	142	12	1
Halifax.....	432		
	3868	43	16

Richmond District.

	White Mem's.	Col'd Mem's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Richmond:			
Trinity.....	404		2
Nicholson Street.....	78		1
Centenary.....	350		1
Broad Street.....	324	1	2
German Mission.....	23		
Sidney.....	155		
Oregon.....	140		
Clay Street.....	425		2
Union.....	418		3
Manchester.....	316		
Henrico and Charles City.....	511	1	2
New Kent.....	285	2	1
King William.....	268	2	1
Matthews.....	850	1	1
Gloucester.....	926	1	1
Williamsburg.....	137		
West Point.....	31		1
	5641	8	18

Charlottesville District.

	White Mem's.	Col'd Mem's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Charlottesville.....	208		1
Albemarle.....	570	5	
Madison.....	392	4	3
Louisa.....	497	3	2
Scottsville.....	444	8	2
Fluvanna.....	598	42	4
Batesville.....	550	6	1
Gordonsville.....	60		2
Orange Circuit.....	223		1
Greene.....	323	2	
Goochland.....	354		
West Hanover.....	326		1
Piedmont.....	400		1
	4945	70	18

Lynchburg District.

	White Mem's.	Col'd Mem's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Lynchburg:			
Centenary.....	402		
City Mission.....	108		1
Court Street.....	388		1
Amherst.....	273	1	1
West Amherst.....	275		1
Amherst Mission.....	152		1
Bedford.....	528		2
Jackson.....	218	10	2
South Bedford.....	400		
Bedford Springs.....	300	1	
Liberty.....	65		
Nelson.....	439		
Appomattox.....	343	2	1
Campbell.....	579	1	1
Leesville.....	167	1	1
Buckingham.....	490		1
Prospect.....	345		2
	5532	16	15

Farmville District.

	White Mem's.	Col'd Mem's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Farmville.....	127		
Mount Pleasant.....	128		
Lunenburg.....	500	1	
Lewiston.....	337	5	2
Boydton.....	58		2
Clarksville.....	50	1	
Boydton Circuit.....	274	7	1
Mecklenburg.....	805		2
Brunswick.....	803		4
Nottoway.....	505		1
Amelia.....	385	16	3
Powhatan.....	132		1
Cumberland.....	141	2	
South Brunswick.....	392		1
	4637	32	17

Petersburg District.

	White Mem's.	Col'd Mem's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Petersburg:			
Washington Street.....	552		2
Blandford.....	35		
Wesley Chapel.....	130		3
Market Street.....	328		2
High Street and Battersea.....	525		1
Etricks.....	170		
Chesterfield.....	521	1	4
Coalfield and Clover Hill.....	316		2
Chesterfield Mission.....	15		
Dinwiddie.....	352		
West Dinwiddie.....	328		1
Sussex.....	524	1	2
Hicksford.....	156		1
Prince George.....	361	1	
Surry.....	320		1
	4633	3	19

Murfreesboro District.

	White Mem's.	Col'd Mem's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Murfreesboro.....	144		
Northampton.....	618	4	2
Meherrin.....	444	2	5
Bertie.....	421	1	2
Edenton.....	45	1	
Hertford.....	686	1	3
Pasquotank.....	819		2
Elizabeth City.....	234		1
Suffolk.....	190		
Gates.....	880		2
Southampton.....	457		1
Chuckatuck.....	215		
North Southampton.....	342	1	1
Dare.....	374	4	1
	5899	14	20

Norfolk District.

	White Mem's.	Col'd Mem's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Norfolk:			
Cumberland Street.....	480		3
Granby Street.....	378		
Berkeley.....	98		

Norfolk District (continued).

	White Mem's.	Col'd Mem's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Portsmouth:			
Monumental	432		3
Central	220		1
Second Street	106		1
Norfolk Circuit	220		
East Norfolk Circuit	161		
South Norfolk Circuit	575		3
Indian Ridge	675		3
Princess Anne	884		5
York	521	1	1
Hampton	204		
Smithfield	294		1
Isle of Wight	210		1
	5458	1	22

Randolph Macon District.

Rappahannock	395	6	
Rappahannock Mission			
Culpepper Station	88		
Culpepper Circuit	293	1	2
Sportsylvania	145		2
Caroline	417		1
King George	423	1	
Westmoreland	480	4	2
Heathsville	515		5
Montross	173	12	
Lancaster	433		3
Middlesex	394		1
King and Queen	450		1
Logan Mission	110		1
Hanover	341	1	
Ashland	285	1	13
	4942	26	31

Eastern Shore District.

Eastville	293		1
Bell Haven	65		2
Pungoteague	502		2
Onancock	358		
Atlantic	384		1
Pocomoke	156		
Wicomico	225		1
Salisbury	76		
Berlin	150		3
Dorchester	335		1
Cambridge	83		2
	2627		13

Recapitulation.

Richmond District	5641	8	18
Charlottesville	4945	70	18
Lynchburg	5532	16	15
Danville	3868	43	16
Farmville	4637	32	17
Petersburg	4633	3	19
Murfreesboro	5899	14	20
Norfolk	5458	1	22
Randolph Macon	4942	26	31
Eastern Shore	2627		13
Total this year	48,182	213	189
Total last year	46,431	359	180
Increase	1751		9
Decrease		146	

Ques. 22. How many infants have been baptized during the year?
1322.

Ques. 23. How many adults have been baptized during the year?
2474.

Ques. 24. What is the number of Sunday-schools?
595.

Ques. 25. What is the number of Sunday-school teachers?
6084.

Ques. 26. What is the number of Sunday-school scholars?
83,687.

Ques. 27. What amount is necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers?
\$5,920.

Ques. 28. What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied?
Collected, \$5,920

Applied as follows:

To superannuated preachers, 1,745
To widows and orphans, 4,175

\$5,920

Ques. 29. What has been contributed for missions?

For Domestic Missions, \$6,352 20
For Foreign Missions, 5,412 74

\$11,764 94

Ques. 30. Where shall the next session of the Conference be held?
At Richmond, Va.

Ques. 31. Where are the preachers stationed this year?

RICHMOND DISTRICT.

Davis P. Wills, P. E.

Richmond:

{ Trinity, Adam C. Bledsoe.
{ Nicholson Street, Robert B. Beadles.

Centenary, John E. Edwards.

{ Broad Street, Samuel A. Steel.

{ German Mission, Gotlieb Meyer.

Main Street, George H. Ray.

Oregon, George M. Wright.

Clay Street, Peter A. Peterson, J. J. Laferty, Sup.

Union, Henry C. Cheatham.

Manchester, George C. Vanderslice.

Henrico and Charles City, Richard Ferguson.

New Kent, William P. Wright, Thomas P. Wise, Sup.

West Point, William W. Royall.

Matthews, William G. Williams.

Gloucester, Oscar Littleton, Lewis B. Betty.

{ Williamsburg, Herbert T. Bacon.

{ Jamestown, James W. Connelly.

German Mission, Edward N. S. Blogg, Superintendent.

Editor *Richmond Christian Advocate*, William W. Bennett.

Professor in Vanderbilt University, Nashville, John C. Granbery.

CHARLOTTESVILLE DISTRICT.

Joseph A. Proctor, P. E.

Charlottesville, James F. Twitty.

Albemarle, Robert W. Watts.

Louisa, Joshua S. Hunter.

Scottsville, James E. Gates.

Fluvanna, John W. Howard.
 Batesville, William W. Spain.
 Gordonsville, Peter F. August.
 Barboursville, to be supplied.
 Orange Circuit, Paul Bradley, William H. Camper, Sup.
 Culpepper Station, Richard J. Moorman.
 Culpepper Circuit, James F. Brannin.
 { Rappahannock Circuit, John W. Hilldrup.
 { Rappahannock Mission, to be supplied.
 { Madison, Francis J. Boggs.
 { Piedmont, to be supplied (by George Baily).
 Greene, William E. Payne.

LYNCHBURG DISTRICT.

John D. Blackwell, P. E.

Lynchburg:

{ Centenary, William H. Christian.
 { Madison Mission, to be supplied (by L. F. Way).
 Court Street, William E. Judkins, Thomas H. Early, Sup.
 Amherst, Herbert M. Hope.
 { West Amherst, Henry C. Paulett.
 { Amherst Mission, to be supplied (by J. W. Parish).
 Bedford, Edgar H. Pritchett.
 Jackson, William Laughon.
 South Bedford, Milton L. Bishop.
 { Bedford Springs, Travis J. Taylor.
 { Leesville, to be supplied (by R. A. Lee).
 Liberty, John L. Clarke.
 Nelson, Hartwell H. Gary.
 Appomattox, James E. McSparran.
 { Campbell, William F. Bain.
 { South Campbell, to be supplied (by Elisha DeWitt).
 Buckingham, Charles H. Boggs.
 Mount Pleasant, Thomas H. Campbell.
 Prospect, Wesley C. Vaden.

DANVILLE DISTRICT.

John H. Saunders, P. E.

Danville:

Main Street, Samuel S. Lambeth.
 Lynn Street, James W. Bledsoe.
 Charlotte, Esmond A. Gibbs.
 West Charlotte, Benjamin S. Herring.
 South of Dan, John D. Southall.
 Ringgold, to be supplied (by John H. Forbes).
 Bannister, P. H. Fishburn.
 Pittsylvania, David F. Hodges.
 Franklin, John W. Tucker.
 East Franklin, James A. Hughes.
 Henry, John W. Crider.
 Patrick, John E. Deshazo.
 Dan River, to be supplied (by D. J. Traynham).
 Halifax, Henry C. Bowles.

FARMVILLE DISTRICT.

Francis M. Edwards, P. E.

Farmville, Jacob Manning.
 Prince Edward, Charles E. Watts.
 Lunenburg, James O. Moss.
 Boydton, James Jamieson.
 Clarkesville, James H. Maynard.

Boydton Circuit, William G. Lumpkin.
 Mecklenburg, Thomas M. Beckham.
 Brunswick, David M. Wallace.
 West Brunswick, Alexander Doniphan.
 South Brunswick, William R. Smithey, J. T. Weaver.
 Nottoway, James W. Blincoe.
 Amelia, Charles H. Crawley.
 Powhatan, William H. Atwell.
 Cumberland, James R. Waggener.
 Dennisville, to be supplied.
 Farmville College, Paul Whitehead, President.

PETERSBURG DISTRICT.

Leroy M. Lee, P. E.

Petersburg:

{ Washington Street, Joseph H. Riddick.
 { Blandford, to be supplied.
 Wesley Chapel, Lewis A. Guy.
 Market Street, Robert N. Sledd.
 High Street and Battersea, Alexander G. Brown.
 Ettricks, John Bayley.
 Chesterfield, Alexander M. Hall.
 { Coalfield and Clover Hill, William T. White.
 { Chesterfield Mission, to be supplied (by James Bailey).
 Dinwiddie, Joseph Lear.
 West Dinwiddie, John P. Woodward.
 Sussex, Joseph B. Merritt, J. A. Riddick, Sup.
 Hicksford, William B. Rowzie.
 Prince George, Jacob H. Proctor.
 Surry, William E. Allen.

MURFREESBORO DISTRICT.

Benjamin F. Woodward, P. E.

Murfreesboro, Franklin C. Woodward.
 Northampton, Benjamin F. Tennille.
 Meherrin, James D. Lumsden.
 Bertie, Robert N. Crooks.
 Edenton, William P. Jordan.
 Hertford, J. Carson Watson.
 Pasquotank, Joshua L. Garrett.
 Elizabeth City, James C. Martin.
 Suffolk, George E. Booker.
 Gates, Thomas L. Williams.
 Southampton, James W. Compton.
 Chuckatuck, Charles E. Hobday.
 North Southampton, John N. Jones.
 Dare, to be supplied (by James E. Bristow).
 Wesleyan Female College, William G. Starr, President.

NORFOLK DISTRICT.

Lemuel S. Reed, P. E.

Norfolk:

Cumberland Street, E. M. Peterson.
 { Granby Street, William E. Edwards, W.
 { J. Norfleet, Sup.
 { City Mission, Robert M. Saunders.
 Berkeley, Wilbur F. Robins.
 Portsmouth:
 Monumental, J. Powell Garland.
 { Central, Hezekiah P. Mitchell.
 { Second Street, James H. Crown.

Norfolk Circuit, James C. Reed.
 South Norfolk Circuit, Edward M. Jordan.
 East Norfolk Circuit, John B. Day.
 Indian Ridge, John Q. Rhodes.
 Princess Anne, Joseph J. Edwards.
 York, Benjamin C. Spiller.
 Hampton and Fox Hill, James L. Spencer.
 Smithfield and Benn's, Robert A. Compton.
 Isle of Wight, James T. Lumpkin.

RANDOLPH MACON DISTRICT.

Edward P. Wilson, P. E.

Ashland, Joseph S. R. Clarke, Joseph E. Potts,
 Sup.
 Spottsylvania, William W. Lear.
 Caroline, James J. Bayton.
 King George, Thomas H. Boggs.
 Westmoreland, Joseph H. Davis.
 Heathsville, Daniel G. C. Butts.
 Montross, John W. White.
 Lancaster, Alfred Wiles.
 Middlesex, Josiah D. Hank.
 King and Queen, William A. Crocker.
 King William, Charles H. Green.
 Essex, William J. Twilley.
 Hanover, John B. Laurens.

West Hanover, Robert A. Armistead.
 { Goochland, John H. Kabler.
 { West Goochland, to be supplied.
 Randolph Macon College, James A. Duncan,
 President; Thomas A. Ware, Agent.
 Sunday-school Agent, Leonidas Rosser.
 Virginia Bible Society, John G. Rowe, Agent.

EASTERN SHORE DISTRICT.

William McGee, P. E.

Eastville, Lloyd Moore.
 Bell Haven, to be supplied.
 Pungoteague, Beverly W. Daugherty.
 Onancock, Joseph A. Amis.
 Atlantic, James M. Anderson.
 Wicomico, Charles C. Wertenbaker.
 Salisbury, John T. Moore.
 Berlin, Werter H. Gregory.
 Dorchester, Major S. Colonna.
 Dorchester Mission, James H. Dalby.
 Cambridge, John H. Patteson.

William W. Duncan transferred to the
 South Carolina Conference.

Christian Evers transferred to the German
 Mission Conference.

III.—WESTERN VIRGINIA CONFERENCE.

HELD AT GUYANDOTTE, W. VA., *September 15–20, 1875.*

BISHOP WIGHTMAN, *President*; T. S. WADE, *Secretary*.

QUESTION 1. Who are admitted on trial?

ANSWER. John C. Vaught, Alvin S. Bowles,
 Quincy A. Wheat, James S. Lemon, Thos. R.
 Houghton, James C. Todd. 6.

Ques. 2. Who remain on trial?

C. L. Hanlon, W. C. Leech, J. F. Lambert,
 M. W. Trippett. 4.

Ques. 3. Who are discontinued?

J. W. Bashaw, J. L. Smith. 2.

Ques. 4. Who are admitted into full connection?

C. W. Cook, F. M. Yates, J. W. Ramsey, E.
 M. Murrell, T. N. Wilson, C. W. Shearer. 6.

Ques. 5. Who are readmitted?

None.

Ques. 6. Who are received by transfer from
 other Conferences?

Thos. Cotton. 1.

Ques. 7. Who are the deacons of one year?

F. Golden, M. Taylor, R. C. Wiseman, J. H.
 Hagar. 4.

Ques. 8. What traveling preachers are elected
 deacons?

C. W. Cook, F. M. Yates, J. W. Ramsey, E.
 M. Murrell, T. N. Wilson. 5.

Ques. 9. What traveling preachers are or
 dained deacons?

C. W. Cook, F. M. Yates, J. W. Ramsey, E.
 M. Murrell, T. N. Wilson. 5.

Ques. 10. What local preachers are elected
 deacons?

A. D. Hodam, S. T. Crabtree, W. Dangerfield,
 M. Harman, A. Harman, A. J. Moore. 6.

Ques. 11. What local preachers are ordained
 deacons?

M. Harman. 1.

Ques. 12. What traveling preachers are
 elected elders?

C. Dean, R. E. Walden. 2.

Ques. 13. What traveling preachers are or-
 dained elders?

C. Dean, R. E. Walden. 2.

Ques. 14. What local preachers are elected elders?

W. T. Price, R. Workman, A. N. Ellison. 3.

Ques. 15. What local preachers are ordained elders?

A. N. Ellison. 1.

Ques. 16. Who are located this year?

L. H. Mead. 1.

Ques. 17. Who are supernumerary?

B. Spurlock, R. Bias, B. S. Chambers, J. K. Hedges, W. Kennedy. 5.

Ques. 18. Who are superannuated?

J. A. West. 1.

Ques. 19. What preachers have died during the past year?

John C. Crooks, John W. Taylor. 2.

JOHN CONRAD CROOKS was born in Greenup co., Ky., and died at the house of Henry Mitchell, Esq., of Bellville, West Virginia, March 2, 1875, aged 51 years. In early life our brother became a Christian. In 1855 he entered the local ministry of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and no man had a purer or happier record than he had as a useful and successful preacher in the county that gave him birth. With a good English education, he devoted a number of years to school-teaching, and from his school went out an influence that still lives, and will live while the name of John C. Crooks is remembered by the people of Boyd and Greenup counties, Ky. Many of his pupils became pious, and came into the Church through his instrumentality, and to-day they are pillars in our militant Church. The purity of his life, his unselfish devotion to the Church, his untiring labors and the success that crowned his toils, combined to throw around him an influence enjoyed by few ministers of his age. He was especially useful in Eastern Kentucky during the late unhappy war. His personal popularity, his prudence, and his piety, gave him access to all parties and grades of society. He keenly felt the responsibility of his position, and nobly did he meet the crisis. In every pulpit of his native heath he called on his brethren to rally around the banner of the cross, soiled by desertion and neglect, and his appeals were responded to by a noble-hearted membership, and the Church there came out of the conflict safe. How much is due to the counsels and influence of John C. Crooks eternity alone will reveal. At the close of the war public sentiment pointed to him as one well qualified to aid in rebuilding the wastes of our Zion, and he came into our Conference held at Greenupsburg in 1866. His first appointment was to Greenup Circuit, where he gained additional laurels; his second appointment was to Big Sandy Circuit, where he exerted a happy influence for the Master's cause and added many to the rolls of the Church; from Big Sandy he was assigned to Barboursville and Guyandotte, an important and responsible charge, to which he repaired with his usual promptness. During three years of anxious solicitude he filled its pulpits with unsurpassed

acceptability and success. Every interest of the Church was carefully watched over, and its cause promoted by his fostering hand. When he exchanged this field for Lubeck Circuit, he left to the regret of all his friends (he had no enemies). In this charge he was destined to close his earthly ministry, and, while we bow with submission to the wisdom and mercy of the providence that called away one so gifted, so useful, and whose success had endeared him to so many hearts, we are compelled to view it by faith, and not by sight. At a period when his self-sacrificing labors had filled with delight every bosom in his charge, and the future opened up to him a glorious success, the hand of affliction came upon him; his hitherto robust health gave indications of decline, and friends suggested a season of rest, but he who vowed at the altar of the Church to devote his life to the ministry, was reluctant to yield to the counsels of loved ones. He left home for an engagement, and, when he had preached his last sermon, repaired to the hospitable home of his friend, Henry Mitchell, Esq., never again to come out till his ransomed spirit had left the casket of clay for the "home of the blest." Physicians watched with intense interest the progress of the insidious disease, but it baffled all their skill, resisted all their remedies. Soon the wife of his bosom and the mother of his children was at his bedside, and watched, with angelic tenderness, the sinking husband and father. His ministerial brethren, Brothers Miller and Wade, were often with him, but all in vain: the skill of physicians, the love of wife and children, and the prayers of Christians, were all insufficient to disarm death and to prolong his stay on earth. God had other employment and higher joy to which he was about to transfer him; but our brother was ready at the Master's call—the religion he had so long preached to others was now his stay and comfort. When he looked on his wife and children, he, doubtless, felt as a husband should feel; but when he remembered God's promise to the widow and orphan, he triumphed by faith. To Brother Miller he said: "I have had many precious seasons amid this affliction in communion with God, and if God spare me yet longer this baptism of suffering will prepare me for better work, to submit more cheerfully to sufferings for Christ, and make me a better Christian, a more useful minister, a better man." Laying his hand on Brother Wade's head, he said: "Brother Wade, I trust God will give you wisdom and grace to come off more than conqueror through him that hath loved you and given himself for you." He also said to him: "I owe some small debts in Parkersburg, which I wish paid when I am gone. I wish to leave no deed on my record that will bring reproach on the ministry or trouble to my brethren." To his son John he said: "To-day we will go home, and I will visit and pray with my brethren and do my Master's work;" but Heaven had ordered otherwise. He was never again to grace his

earthly chamber. He was no more to fill the pulpits of his charge in the Church militant, but his spirit, washed and cleansed by the blood of the Lamb, was soon to exchange the falling tabernacle of clay for the upper Jerusalem. That was his last day on earth. Amid the tears and sighs of an interesting family and an entire community, he passed in holy triumph from the outer walls of Zion to the inner courts of his Master's temple. He sleeps well. Some of us will see him again. The workmen fall, but God will carry on the work.

JOHN W. TAYLOR was born in Pocahontas co., West Va., and died at the parsonage in Walkerville, West Va., March 29, 1875. Brother Taylor came into our body on probation at our last session, a comparative stranger to most of us—consequently the committee have been unable to obtain the means of an extended memoir. In his early manhood he removed his residence to Rockingham co., Va., where he was happily married to Miss Lucy Jacob, of Bridgewater, who, with one child, lives to mourn his early death. Brother Taylor received a liberal education, chiefly at a high school at Flemington, Taylor co., West Va. He is said to have been a young minister of promise, studious in his habits. Ardently devoted to the work, and untiring in his labors, he commended himself to all as a model young Methodist preacher. His occupation as teacher in our public schools gave him an opportunity to acquire an intellectual training that well prepared him for the studies of his probationary course as a minister and for access to the young people of his charge. He was modest and unassuming in his deportment, but his gentlemanly bearing and high Christian character greatly endeared him to all who knew him. He was assigned to Jacksonville Circuit, and his advent to that people was hailed as the harbinger of better days to that favored charge. He immediately repaired to his circuit, and, both in the pulpit and pastoral work, showed himself a man of God. He conscientiously met all his engagements, and made an impression that promised eminent success. But how mysterious the providence of God! In the midst of his useful labors, in a once declining but now rapidly improving work, a young man, whose piety and self-sacrificing labors had filled with delight every bosom and inspired a desponding Church with hope, is cut down by malignant disease. The nature of his malady—inflammation of the brain—deprived his family of the consolation of his dying counsels, and the Church of the light that under other circumstances emanates from the dying-chamber of the Christian. But the purity of Brother Taylor's life, the Christian virtues that decorated his record, and his thorough Christian experience, conspire to encourage the assurance that in his dying-hour "all was well." In his death the Church mourns the loss of a promising young preacher, but heaven has gained

another angel. "He who tempers the wind to the shorn lamb" will care for the widow and orphan.

Ques. 20. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?

Their names were called over, one by one, and their characters examined and passed, except J. W. Satterfield, who was expelled.

Ques. 21. What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations, and missions of the Conference?

Parkersburg District.

	White Mem's.	Col'd Mem's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Parkersburg Station.....	236		
Wesley Chapel Station.....	66		2
St. Mary's Circuit.....	40		
New Martinsville Circuit.....	303		4
Grantsville Circuit.....	200	2	3
Lubeck Circuit.....	323		2
Spencer Circuit.....	308		1
Newark Circuit.....	193	1	1
Palestine Circuit.....	140		1
Ripley Circuit.....	230		3
Ravenswood Circuit.....	308	1	2
Point Pleasant Circuit.....	196		2
Mason Mission.....			
	2543	4	21

Charleston District.

Charleston Station.....	130		1
Charleston Circuit.....	360		6
Brownstown and Cedar Grove Circuit	175		2
Fayetteville Circuit.....	200	1	
Fayette Circuit.....	319	6	3
Sugar Grove Circuit.....	347		
Sammerville Circuit.....	167		
Webster Circuit.....	255		1
Newton Circuit.....	212		2
Kanawha Salines Circuit.....	153	1	3
Raymond City Mission.....	33		
	2351	8	18

Huntington District.

Huntington and Guyandotte Circuit.	200		
Wayne Circuit.....	475	1	2
Round Bottom Circuit.....	240		5
Coalsmouth Circuit.....	85		1
Hurricane Bridge Circuit.....	290		4
Newport Circuit.....	90		3
Logan Circuit.....	75		1
Winfield Mission.....	90		
Barboursville Circuit.....	300	1	1
	1845	2	17

Clarksburg District.

Clarksburg and West Milford Circuit.	160		2
Glenville Circuit.....	215		3
Braxton Circuit.....	371		4
Jacksonville Circuit.....	285		4
Philippi Circuit.....	233		
St. George Circuit.....	352		5
Randolph Mission.....	190		1
Rievesville Circuit.....	366	1	
Green Circuit.....	331		1
Marion Circuit.....	735		5
	3238	1	23

Catlettsburg District.

Catlettsburg Station.....	103		2
Big Sandy Circuit.....	580	1	7
Louisa Station.....	68		
Paintsville Circuit.....	275		8

Catlettsburg District (continued).

	White Mem's.	Col'd Mem's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Prestonburg Circuit.....	160	2	9
Piketon Circuit.....	185	1	7
Upper Sandy Circuit.....	346	2	8
Elliott Mission.....	231	.....	3
Grayson Circuit.....	281	.....	3
Greenup and Pond Run Circuit.....	160	.....	.....
Greenup Circuit.....	206	1	5
Mt. Zion and Liberty Circuit.....	291	2	2
Ashland Station.....	128	.....	.....
	3014	9	54

Recapitulation.

Parkersburg District.....	2543	4	21
Clarksburg ".....	3238	1	23
Charleston ".....	2351	8	18
Huntington ".....	1845	2	17
Catlettsburg ".....	3014	9	54
Total this year.....	12,991	24	133
Total last year.....	12,068	13	104
Increase.....	903	11	29

Ques. 22. How many infants have been baptized during the year?
361.

Ques. 23. How many adults have been baptized during the year?
754.

Ques. 24. What is the number of Sunday-schools?
198.

Ques. 25. What is the number of Sunday-school teachers?
1364.

Ques. 26. What is the number of Sunday-school scholars?
7925.

Ques. 27. What amount is necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers?
\$1,000.

Ques. 28. What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied?

Collected,	\$572 40
Applied as follows:	
J. A. West,	50 00
Mrs. Williams,	136 10
Mrs. Field,	111 10
Mrs. Hargiss,	111 10
Mrs. Rankin,	111 10
R. Fox's children,	30 00
Mrs. Crooks,	23 00
	\$572 40

Ques. 29. What has been contributed for missions?

Foreign Missions,	\$569 69
Domestic Missions,	682 48
	\$1,252 17

Ques. 30. Where shall the next session of the Conference be held?
At Charleston, W. Va.

Ques. 31. Where are the preachers stationed this year?

PARKERSBURG DISTRICT.

William Dountain, P. E.

Parkersburg Station, T. S. Wade.
Parkersburg City Mission, F. M. Yates.
Wesley Chapel, S. T. Mallory.
St. Mary's, E. Kendall.
Lubeck Circuit, H. S. Williams.
Spencer Circuit, G. S. McCutchen.
Ripley Circuit, W. Briscoe.
Ravenswood Circuit, Thos. Cotton.
Point Pleasant Circuit, J. Martin.
New Martinsville Circuit, J. Cook.
Newark, M. W. Trippett.
Grantsville, T. N. Wilson.
Palestine, to be supplied.
Mason Mission, to be supplied (by W. Virden).

CHARLESTON DISTRICT.

Louis B. Madison, P. E.

Charleston Station, N. G. Robinson.
Charleston Circuit, W. R. Chambers.
Brownstown and Cedar Grove, J. C. Tinsley.
Fayetteville Circuit, E. M. Murrell.
Fayette Circuit, Quincy A. Wheat.
Sugar Grove Circuit, S. Black, J. K. Hedges, Sup.
Summerville Circuit, R. C. Wiseman.
Webster, to be supplied (by A. N. Ellison).
Newton, J. S. Lemon.
Kanawha Salines, A. Given.
Newport, to be supplied.
Logan Mission, one to be supplied, B. S. Chambers, Sup.

HUNTINGTON DISTRICT.

Stephen K. Vaught, P. E.

Huntington and Guyandotte, J. H. Hagar.
Barboursville Circuit, G. W. Young.
Wayne Circuit, C. F. Crooks, B. Spurlock, Sup.
Round Bottom Circuit, to be supplied (by J. Grove).
Coalsmouth Circuit, W. F. Claughton.
Hurricane Bridge Circuit, J. W. Ramsey, R. Bias, Sup.
Raymond City and Winfield Mission, W. C. Leech.

CLARKSBURG DISTRICT.

James H. Burns, P. E.

Clarksburg and West Milford, J. M. Lauck.
Glenville Circuit, T. R. Houghton.
Braxton Circuit, J. S. Pullen.
Jacksonville Circuit, A. S. Bowles.
Philippi Circuit, C. L. Hanlon.
St. George Circuit, J. W. Lambert.
Randolph Mission, R. E. Walden, W. Kennedy, Sup.
Marion Circuit, A. P. Sturm.
Rievesville, F. Golden.
Greene, J. C. Vaught.

CATLETTSBURG DISTRICT.

Walter Shearer, P. E.

Catlettsburg Station, J. O. A. Vaught.
Ashland Station, F. B. Carroll.
Louisa Station, C. W. Cook.
Big Sandy Circuit, C. W. Shearer.
Paintsville Circuit, T. Cooper.
Falls of Blaine, C. Dean.
Prestonburg, to be supplied.

Piketon, to be supplied.

Elliott Mission, J. C. Todd.

Old Town, M. Taylor.

Grayson and Greenup, J. T. Johnson.

Cannonsburg, R. A. Claughton.

Mt. Zion and Liberty, H. Moore, one to be supplied.

Sunday-school Agent, J. F. Medley.

W. Gaines Miller transferred to Denver Conference, and stationed at Denver City.

IV.—HOLSTON CONFERENCE.

HELD AT KNOXVILLE, TENN., October 20–26, 1875.

BISHOP MCTYEIRE, *President*; F. RICHARDSON, *Secretary*.

QUESTION 1. Who are admitted on trial?

ANSWER. Philip P. Kinser, John T. Stover, Horton P. Burger, John D. Hickson, W. W. Hicks, W. B. Stradley, James A. Lyons, M. D. Thompson, John R. Stewart, Wm. D. Akers, John R. Cunningham, J. E. Cox, Rufus M. Standifer, John N. Hobbs, Jackson V. Brown, Charles M. James. 16.

Ques. 2. Who remain on trial?

Samuel B. Smitteel, Morton S. Watts, James N. Lotspeich, George C. Rankin, David H. Dickey, Wm. B. Reese, Samuel S. Weatherley, Isaac H. Hostins, Frank N. Atkins, Joseph P. Reynolds, James O. Shelley, Robert A. Hutsell, Winfield S. Jordan. 13.

Ques. 3. Who are discontinued?

Pinckney P. McLain, H. Leslie. 2.

Ques. 4. Who are admitted into full connection?

James K. Wolfe, Elbert S. Barrett, Joseph H. Sensabaugh, Isaac S. Ross, Wm. M. Crawford, James I. Cash, Ayres Kincaid, John W. Robertson. 8.

Ques. 5. Who are readmitted?

W. E. Munsey, S. S. Grant. 2.

Ques. 6. Who are received by transfer from other Conferences?

H. W. Leslie, D. S. Hearon, E. E. Hoss, W. B. Lyda. 4.

Ques. 7. Who are the deacons of one year?

Leander W. Thompson, John M. Wolfe, Wm. H. Price, John W. Smith, Ballard R. Wilburn, Erastus H. Bogle, W. H. Dawne, James Atkins, jr., S. T. McPherson, Joseph A. Bilderback, D. S. Hearon, John P. Dickey, George W. Simpson, John H. Keith, G. A. Frazier, Joseph B. Davis, W. R. Barnett, G. W. K. Green, Robert E. Smith, John H. Kennedy, Edward S. Shelley, Charles B. Fugate,

John H. Robeson, A. T. Brooks, John H. Parrott. 25.

Ques. 8. What traveling preachers are elected deacons?

James K. Wolfe, Elbert L. Barrett, Joseph H. Sensabaugh, Isaac S. Ross, James I. Cash, Ayres Kincaid, John W. Robertson. 7.

Ques. 9. What traveling preachers are ordained deacons?

James K. Wolfe, Elbert L. Barrett, Joseph H. Sensabaugh, Isaac S. Ross, James I. Cash, Ayres Kincaid, John W. Robertson. 7.

Ques. 10. What local preachers are elected deacons?

James N. Lotspeich, Goodson M. F. Hampton, W. J. Gibbs. 3.

Ques. 11. What local preachers are ordained deacons?

James A. Lyons, James N. Lotspeich. 2.

Ques. 12. What traveling preachers are elected elders?

David W. Carter, William D. Mountcastle, John C. Runyan, Return J. Only, John P. Dickey, Hezekiah W. Bays. 6.

Ques. 13. What traveling preachers are ordained elders?

David W. Carter, William D. Mountcastle, John C. Runyan, Return J. Only, John P. Dickey, Hezekiah W. Bays. 6.

Ques. 14. What local preachers are elected elders?

John D. Hickson, Thomas P. Summers. 2.

Ques. 15. What local preachers are ordained elders?

John D. Hickson, Thomas P. Summers. 2.

Ques. 16. Who are located this year?

John R. Hixon, Alexander E. Woodward. 2.

Ques. 17. Who are supernumerary?

Joseph B. Davis, John Reynolds, R. W. Pickens, William Hicks, R. M. Hickey, J. N. S. Huffaker, John Alley, J. K. P. Ball, W. P. Doane, W. L. Turner, C. K. Miller, F. A. Farley. 12.

Ques. 18. Who are superannuated?

W. W. Neal, R. A. Giddings, William Robeson, Joseph Haskew, L. W. Crouch, T. Sullins, W. B. Winton, D. B. Carter, H. M. Bennett, Thos. J. Pope. 10. The name of H. M. Bennett was not mentioned in this list in 1874, and hence it is inserted from Minutes of 1873.

Ques. 19. What preachers have died during the past year?

John M. Crismond, George W. Martin. 2.

JOHN M. CRISMOND was born and reared in the city of Baltimore, Md. The precise time of his birth is not known. When he was quite a small boy, playing on the streets of Baltimore, he was picked up one beautiful Sabbath morning, and led to the Sunday-school, and placed in a class of little boys, under a male teacher who felt a deep interest in the spiritual and temporal welfare of his pupils. In that school good impressions were made upon the mind of young Crismond, whose sentiments were corrected, habits formed, character molded, and destiny shaped, not only for this short life, but for the eternal future. This teaching resulted, under the heavenly influences of the Holy Spirit, in a sound, clear, and powerful conversion to God. He was a tailor by trade, and continued his occupation until he was clearly convinced that God had called him to preach the gospel. In the spring of 1836 he came to Abingdon, Va., was licensed to preach June 26 following, and was recommended to the Holston Annual Conference, for admission on trial, by the Quarterly Conference of the Abingdon Station, Oct. 2, 1837; was admitted at Madisonville, in the same month, and appointed to the Athens Circuit. The following were his fields of labor to the end of his useful life: Jonesville Circuit, 1838; Knoxville, 1839; Pearisburg, 1840; Marion, 1841; Wytheville, 1842; Abingdon, 1843; Marion, 1844; Pearisburg, 1845; Grayson, 1846-7; Lebanon, 1848; Jeffersonville, 1849; Abingdon, 1850; Rogersville, 1851; Lebanon, 1852; Jonesboro, 1853; Jeffersonville, 1854; Pearisburg, 1855; Abingdon, 1856; Jonesboro, 1857; Estillville, 1858; Lebanon, 1859; Rheatown, 1860; Princeton, 1861; Presiding Elder of Wytheville District, 1862; Wytheville Circuit, 1863; Grayson, 1864; Abingdon, 1865; Jeffersonville, 1866; Pearisburg, 1867; Estillville, 1868; Dickinsonville, 1869-70; Abingdon, 1871; Blountville, 1872; Sedden, 1873; Morristown, 1874. He was ordained deacon, Nov. 15, 1840, at La Fayette, Ga., by Bishop Morris, and was ordained elder, Oct. 8, 1843, at Abingdon, Va., by Bishop —. He was married to Miss Elizabeth Shannon, June 18, 1841, with whom he lived happily nearly thirty-four years. Nine children were the fruit of this union, two of whom preceded him to the Christian's home. This faithful

worker served his generation, by the will of God, for nearly thirty-eight years, having cultivated twenty different fields of labor for his Master—nineteen circuits and one District. Nine of these he traveled one year, five of them two years, three of them three years, one of them four years, and one of them five years. These demonstrate the faithfulness of the laborer—most appreciated where best known, and most beloved where he stayed the longest. His piety was of the best type—deep, solid, scriptural, unaffected. He made no compromise with the world, the flesh, and the devil. He was very select in his reading; the Bible was his first book, his constant companion and study; after that he was fond of reading other good books which led to the knowledge and love of God. He was reserved in conversation on general topics, but always ready to converse with the most exalted or the most humble persons on the subject of religion. He professed to love God perfectly, and gave continual evidence of the fact; he preached it, prayed it, lived it. During his sickness he was frequently visited by different brethren and friends, with whom he conversed freely, and gave entire satisfaction at all times as to his spiritual state, often rejoicing, and exclaiming, "Salvation to God and the Lamb!" For better medical attention he was removed from the country to Morristown, to the house of Brother T. D. Murph, at which place he closed his earthly career, in full possession of his intellectual powers, and in the rich enjoyment of the consolation of our holy religion, April 27, 1875. In his last utterances he had the rich legacy which Jesus bequeaths to all his faithful servants; said he, "I have peace." When speech had failed, at the request of a brother he lifted his hand in token of victory. Ordinarily he was not above mediocrity as a preacher, but always sensible, solid, edifying, and at times overwhelming.

GEORGE W. MARTIN was born, in Wythe co., Va., Feb. 10, 1821. He professed religion and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church in his eighth year, being the first one of the family to become pious. When about sixteen years old he was appointed the leader of his class. His heart being divinely impressed that it was his duty to preach the gospel, he was, in his twenty-fifth year, accordingly licensed by the now sainted Catlett. In 1845 he married Miss Rebecca Perkins, daughter of Timothy Perkins, of Grayson co., Va.; she died in 1857. In 1860 he was united in marriage with Miss N. J. Cox, daughter of Samuel Cox, of Sullivan co., Tenn. In 1863 he was admitted on trial into the Holston Annual Conference, and appointed to the Mechanicsburg Circuit, which he traveled two years; 1865-6 he traveled the Princeton Circuit; 1867-8 he spent on the Watauga Circuit, and the two following years on the Burnsville Circuit. At our own last session he was returned to the Bakersville Circuit, which had formed a part of the Burnsville Circuit while he traveled it. He entered upon his labors with the cheering prospect of being the honored in-

strument in the hands of God of accomplishing great good among his old parishioners, loved and honored, as he was not only by them, but by all classes of the community. In his public ministrations he more than once gave utterance to a presentiment that he was nearing the end of his labors—that his life-work was about to close; the land of Beulah rose invitingly to the eye of faith, and the stray notes of melody from the bright beyond mingled, as a sweet refrain, with the soul's glad harmony. His last public ministerial labor was performed in our church in Bakersville on Tuesday night, March 30, 1875. On Wednesday afternoon, while passing by Capt. J. W. Bowman's saw-mill, he kindly stopped to assist in adjusting a band which had been thrown from a wheel; but, by some misstep, he was thrown among the wheels and his head crushed, mortally. He remained in an unconscious state until Friday morning; reason was once more enthroned, when he fully realized the fatal nature of his injuries. Tranquil and silent, he lay for a time on the bed of death, in prayerful and solemn self-examination, the result of which assured him that had he been instantly killed he was ready to go. He said he loved God amid pain and affliction better than he had ever done before, and that he had no desire to recover unless he could preach and be useful to his fellow-men. On Sabbath morning he requested that Prof. W. C. Bowman and Miss Mollie K. should sing for him, and accompany the music on the organ, and during the melody he became exultantly happy. On Tuesday he called for singing again, when the "Footsteps of Jesus" was sung. Deep and joyous emotions stirred his heart, and, with face beaming with the light of heaven, he spoke of the sweet melody which he would soon join in the skies. As one by one he let go the objects of his heart's affection, last he came to his wife and daughter, whom he bade an affectionate farewell, telling them that if the Lord would permit he would be their guardian angel along life's thorny way. On April 11, twelve days after his fatal hurt, the pure spirit of this devoted man of God left its pain-riven tenement to join the host above. Brother Martin, as a preacher, was far above mediocrity, possessing as he did the elements of popular oratory. The Master owned his labors, and more or less of success crowned his efforts in every field where he labored. His body rests in the grave-yard at Bakersville, N. C., where he died. The large, weeping throng which followed his remains to the grave was no mean living testimony to his worth, while his Masonic brethren joined in this last sad service. His name is an ointment poured forth, and long will the spell of his holy life linger upon our hearts.

Ques. 20. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?

Their names were called over, one by one, and their characters examined and passed, except Gaston M. Massey, who was suspended for one year, and G. T. Gray, whose case was re-

ferred to the Presiding Elder of the Jonesboro District for investigation.

Ques. 21. What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations, and missions of the Conference?

Wytheville District.

	White Mem's.	Col'd Mem's.	Loc'l Pr's
Wytheville Station.....	168	.....	1
Wytheville Circuit.....	1077	8	6
Newbern Circuit.....	590	1	5
Jacksonville and Newport Circuit.....	466	1	5
Hillsville Circuit and Carroll Mission	461	2	13
Independence Circuit.....	539	1	7
Elk Creek Circuit.....	435	.....	4
Jefferson Circuit.....	515	.....	6
Marion Circuit.....	950	4	5
Watauga Circuit.....	523	5	4
	5714	22	56

Jeffersonville District.

Jeffersonville Station.....	308	.....	.....
Liberty Hill Circuit.....	671	.....	5
East Tazewell Circuit.....	625	.....	12
Pearisburg Circuit.....	680	.....	5
Sedden Circuit.....	826	.....	8
Princeton Circuit.....	535	.....	7
Bluestone Circuit and Flat Top Mis.	241	.....	.....
Buchanan Circuit.....	232	1	2
McDowell Circuit.....	351	.....	.....
	4469	1	39

Abingdon District.

Abingdon Station.....	142	.....	.....
Abingdon Circuit.....	410	.....	3
Emory Circuit.....	506	.....	8
Bristol Station.....	289	.....	2
Bristol Circuit.....	615	3	4
Saltville Circuit.....	635	5	2
Lebanon Circuit.....	634	.....	6
Dickinsonville Circuit.....	557	2	5
Estillville Circuit.....	491	4	2
Gladeville Circuit.....	457	2	5
McClure Mission.....	65	.....	1
	4801	16	38

Jonesboro District.

Jonesboro Station.....	118	.....	1
Jonesboro Circuit.....	326	1	2
Blountville Circuit.....	769	1	6
Rheatown Circuit.....	280	.....	4
Greenville Circuit.....	270	.....	2
St. Clair Circuit.....	366	.....	2
Newport Circuit.....	270	.....	.....
Fall Branch C't and Horse Creek M'n	185	.....	1
Elizabethton C't and Taylorsv'le M'n	80	.....	.....
	2664	2	18

Morristown District.

Morristown Station.....	283	.....	2
Morristown Circuit.....	355	.....	3
Mossy Creek Station.....	105	.....	1
Rutledge Circuit.....	77	.....	.....
Bean's Station.....	182	.....	1
Rogersville Circuit.....	240	.....	3
Sneedville Mission.....	200	.....	2
Kingsport Circuit.....	373	.....	7
Rye Cove Circuit.....	548	3	3
Jonesville Circuit.....	750	30	5
Powell's Valley Circuit.....	568	40	5
Tazewell Circuit.....	276	2	2
	3956	75	34

Knoxville District.

	White Mem's.	Col'd Mem's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Knoxville:			
Church Street Station.....	391	.....	4
Broad Street Station.....	217	.....	2
Mabry Street Station.....	156	.....	1
Maryville and Louisville Circuit.....	235	.....	1
Unita and Morganton Circuit.....	178	1	2
Knox and Lenoir Circuit.....	303	.....	2
Clinton Circuit.....	330	1	4
Maynardville Circuit.....	416	1	2
Jacksboro Circuit.....	337	1	1
Dandridge Circuit.....	437	1	2
Sevierville Circuit.....	229	1	2
	3229	6	22

Athens District.

	White Mem's.	Col'd Mem's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Athens Station.....	136	.....	.....
Athens Circuit.....	385	3	1
Sweetwater Circuit.....	202	.....	2
Philadelphia and Loudon Circuit and Tennessee River Mission.....	414	.....	1
Madisonville Circuit.....	330	.....	6
Eleazar Circuit and Tellico Mission..	341	.....	4
Riceville Circuit.....	355	1	3
Decatur Circuit.....	448	.....	3
Mouse Creek and Toco Circuit.....	.....	.....	.....
	2611	4	20

Chattanooga District.

	White Mem's.	Col'd Mem's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Chattanooga Station.....	284	.....	.....
South Chattanooga Station.....	100	.....	1
Ooltawah C't and Chickamauga Mis.	272	.....	6
Cleveland Station.....	165	.....	.....
Cleveland Circuit.....	167	.....	.....
Charleston and Calhoun Station.....	230	.....	1
Benton Circuit and Ocoee Mission....	144	.....	.....
Hamilton Circuit.....	145	.....	1
Trenton Circuit.....	650	.....	.....
	2157	.....	9

Pikeville District.

	White Mem's.	Col'd Mem's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Pikeville Circuit.....	238	1	.....
Jasper Circuit.....	442	1	4
Washington Circuit.....	270	.....	5
Poplar Creek Circuit.....	33	.....	.....
Kingston Circuit.....	422	3	2
Tracy City Station.....	96	.....	.....
Summerfield Circuit and Cove Mis...	179	1	1
Shiloh and Altamont Circuit and Mountain Mission.....	140	.....	.....
Spencer Mission.....	74	.....	.....
Jamestown C't and Huntsville Mis...	126	.....	.....
Crossville Circuit and Bonair Mission	202	.....	5
	2222	6	17

Asheville District.

	White Mem's.	Col'd Mem's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Asheville Station.....	200	.....	2
Asheville Circuit.....	692	.....	7
Sulphur Springs Circuit.....	623	.....	2
Brevard Circuit.....	347	.....	1
Hendersonville Circuit.....	354	3	.....
Catawba Circuit.....	390	1	2
Burnsville Circuit.....	299	.....	4
Bakersville Circuit.....	333	.....	.....
Marshall Cir't and Pine Creek Mis...	300	2	1
	3538	6	19

Franklin District.

	White Mem's.	Col'd Mem's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Franklin Circuit.....	627	.....	7
Waynesville Circuit.....	741	1	2
Hayesville Circuit.....	326	.....	3
Ducktown Station.....	127	.....	.....
Murphy Circuit.....	300	.....	4
Webster Circuit.....	350	1	2
Cashier's Valley Mission.....	81	.....	.....

Franklin District (continued).

	White Mem's.	Col'd Mem's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Graham's Mission.....	174	.....	1
Echota (Indian) Mission.....	.....	.....	3
Indians.....	2726	2	22
	176	.....	.....

Recapitulation.

	White Mem's.	Col'd Mem's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Wytheville District.....	5714	22	56
Jeffersonville ".....	4469	1	39
Abingdon ".....	4801	16	38
Jonesboro ".....	2664	2	18
Morristown ".....	3956	75	34
Knoxville ".....	3229	6	22
Athens ".....	2611	4	20
Chattanooga ".....	2157	.....	9
Pikeville ".....	2222	6	17
Asheville ".....	3538	6	19
Franklin ".....	2726	2	22
Total this year.....	38,087	140	294
Total last year.....	37,292	131	302
Indians, 176—increase, 26.....	795	9	8
Decrease.....	.....	.....	.....

Ques. 22. How many infants have been baptized during the year?
1311.

Ques. 23. How many adults have been baptized during the year?
1936.

Ques. 24. What is the number of Sunday-schools?
488.

Ques. 25. What is the number of Sunday-school teachers?
3059.

Ques. 26. What is the number of Sunday-school scholars?
23,226.

Ques. 27. What amount is necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers?
\$1,825.

Ques. 28. What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied?

Collected,	\$1,601 85
Applied as follows:	
Mrs. W. W. Smith,	50 00
Rev. T. Sullins,	120 00
Mrs. C. Mitchell,	105 00
Mrs. W. Boring,	100 00
Mrs. E. K. Hutsell,	60 00
Mrs. E. A. Patton,	60 00
Brother Ballew's children,	75 00
Mrs. Goodykoontz,	50 00
Mrs. Mary Fleming,	50 00
Mrs. R. M. Stevens,	50 00
Brother T. K. Munsey's sons,	120 00
Mrs. U. Keener,	75 00
Mrs. O. F. Cunningham,	75 00
W. B. Winton,	150 00
Mrs. W. K. Foster,	100 00
Mrs. E. F. Lyons,	112 86
Mrs. S. Alexander,	100 00

Brought forward,	\$1,452 86
Miss Bettie Wagg,	25 00
Mrs. G. W. Martin,	50 00
Rev. J. Haskew,	20 00
Miss Mattie Swisher,	40 00
Miss Mattie McGhee,	20 00

\$1,607 86

Ques. 29. What has been contributed for missions?

For Domestic Missions,	\$2,697 98
For Foreign Missions,	1,889 90

\$4,587 88

Ques. 30. Where shall the next session of the Conference be held?

At Bristol, Tenn.

Ques. 31. Where are the preachers stationed this year?

WYTHEVILLE DISTRICT.

G. W. Miles, P. E.

Wytheville Station and Circuit, G. C. Rankin, W. B. Stradley.

Marion Circuit, J. H. Keith, L. W. Thompson.

Lead Mines Circuit, John H. Kennedy.

Newbern Circuit, W. H. Price.

New Hope and Jacksonville Circuit, W. W. Hicks.

{ Hillsville Circuit, John M. Wolfe.

{ Carroll Mission, B. F. Nuckols.

Elk Creek Circuit, S. D. Gaines.

Independence Circuit, James Mahoney.

Jefferson Circuit, E. Verdigans, W. B. Akers.

Watauga Circuit, Isaac S. Ross.

JEFFERSONVILLE DISTRICT.

Tobias F. Smith, P. E.

Jeffersonville Station, H. C. Neal.

Liberty Hill Circuit, W. M. Crawford, S. B. Smitteel.

East Tazewell Circuit, W. H. Kelly, J. N. Hobbs.

Pearisburg Circuit, P. S. Sutton.

Sedden Circuit, G. W. K. Green, H. T. Burger.

Princeton Circuit, L. M. Renfro.

{ Buchanan Circuit, W. H. Barnes.

{ McDowell Mission, P. P. Kinzer.

Bluestone and Flat Top Circuit, J. T. Stover.

Mountain Creek Mission, E. S. Shelley.

Editor of *Holston Advocate*, Wm. Hicks.

ABINGDON DISTRICT.

B. W. S. Bishop, P. E.

Abingdon Station, James Atkins, jr.

Abingdon Circuit, J. W. Dickey, J. B. Davis, Sup.

Emory and Saltville Circuit, E. W. Moore.

Rich Valley Circuit, Morton F. Watts.

Bristol Station, J. T. Frazier.

Bristol Circuit, R. E. Smith, W. P. Doane, Sup.

Lebanon Circuit, C. E. Wiggins.

Dickinsonville Circuit, H. W. Bays.

Estillville Circuit, M. L. Clendennen.

{ Gladeville Circuit, J. R. Cunningham, F. A. Farley, Sup.
{ McClure Mission, to be supplied (by I. N. Boyd).

Emory and Henry College, E. E. Wiley, President; J. A. Davis, Professor.

Sullins Female College, D. Sullins, President; D. S. Hearon, Professor.

Martha Washington College, H. P. Myers, Professor.

District Academy, G. A. Frazier, Principal.

Sunday-school Secretary, W. G. E. Cunyng-ham.

JONESBORO DISTRICT.

George Stewart, P. E.

Jonesboro Station, D. W. Carter.

Jonesboro Circuit, L. C. Delashmit.

Blountville Circuit, G. W. Callahan.

Rheatown Circuit, J. L. M. French.

Greeneville and Johnson City Station, G. W. Simpson.

Greeneville Circuit, John D. Hixon.

St. Clair Circuit, S. V. Bates.

Newport Circuit, J. E. Coxe.

Fall Branch Circuit and Horse Creek Mission, F. D. Crumley.

Elizabethton Circuit and Taylorsville Mission, F. N. Atkins.

District Academy, R. T. Barton, Principal.

MORRISTOWN DISTRICT.

John Boring, P. E.

Morristown Station, C. T. Carroll, J. N. S. Huffaker, Sup.

Morristown Circuit, W. H. Dawne.

Mossy Creek Station, J. A. Lyons, J. K. P. Ball, Sup.

Rogersville Circuit, J. K. Wolfe.

Kingsport Circuit, D. R. Smith.

Rye Cove Circuit, W. R. Barnett.

Jonesville Circuit, J. Torbitt.

Powell's Valley Circuit, W. H. Cooper, W. L. Turner, Sup.

{ Tazewell Circuit, W. B. Reese.

{ Sneedville Mission, J. D. Baldwin.

Rutledge Circuit, H. P. Waugh.

Editor of *Holston Methodist*, R. N. Price.

KNOXVILLE DISTRICT.

C. Long, P. E.

Knoxville:

Church Street Station, J. S. Burnett.

{ Broad Street Station, W. W. Bays.

{ City Mission, W. H. Bates.

Maryville and Louisville Circuit, J. C. Runyan.

Knox and Lenoir Circuit, J. R. Payne.

Clinton Circuit, J. M. Marshall.

Maynardville Circuit, E. L. Barrett.

Jacksboro Circuit, F. Richardson, C. K. Miller, Sup.

Dandridge Station, W. C. Carden.

Strawberry Plains Circuit, T. T. Salyer.

Sevierville Circuit, I. Hostins.

District Academy, B. O. Davis, Principal.

Conference Book Agent, Jacob Smith.

ATHENS DISTRICT.

G. Taylor, P. E.

Athens Station, R. H. Parker, R. M. Hickey, Sup.
Athens Circuit, J. S. W. Neal.
Riceville Circuit, J. W. Robertson.
Decatur Circuit, D. H. Carr.
Sweetwater Circuit, T. F. Glenn.
Philadelphia and Loudon Circuit, W. W. Pyott.
Unitia and Morganton Circuit, J. N. Lotspeich.
Madisonville Circuit, W. D. Mountcastle.
{ Eleazar Circuit, S. T. M. McPherson.
{ Tellico Mission, J. R. Stradley, Sup.
Mouse Creek Circuit, J. T. Smith.
Hiwassee College, J. H. Brunner, President.
District Female Academy, R. H. Parker, Principal.

CHATTANOOGA DISTRICT.

J. M. McTeer, P. E.

Chattanooga Station, G. D. French.
{ South Chattanooga and City Mission, J. W. Smith.
{ Lookout Mission, W. S. Jordan.
Cleveland Station, D. H. Atkins.
Cleveland Circuit, M. D. Thompson.
Charleston Station, K. C. Atkins.
Benton Circuit and Ocoee Mission, A. T. Brooks.
Ooltewah Circuit, J. A. Bilderback.
Hamilton Circuit, D. H. Dickey.
Trenton Circuit, M. P. Swayne.
Conference Book and Tract Agent, J. A. Atkins, sr.

SEQUATCHIE DISTRICT.

S. R. Wheeler, P. E.

Jasper Station, T. R. Handy.
Jasper Circuit, T. P. Darr, J. Alley, Sup.
Pikeville Circuit, J. H. Parrott.
Washington Circuit, G. W. Renfro.
Kingston Circuit, L. L. H. Carlock, J. R. Stewart.
Jamestown Circuit, J. V. Brown.

Crossville Circuit and Bonair Mission, J. O. Shelley.
Spencer Mission, C. M. James.
Shiloh and Altamont Circuit and Mountain Mission, R. M. Standifer.
Tracy City Station, J. I. Cash.
Summerfield Circuit and Cove Mission, R. J. Only.
People College, J. P. Dickey, President; S. Phillips, Agent.

ASHEVILLE DISTRICT.

A. J. Frazier, P. E.

Asheville Station, E. E. Hoss.
Weaverville Circuit, J. H. Robeson, R. W. Pickens, Sup.
Sulphur Springs Circuit, W. D. Mitchell, J. Reynolds, Sup.
Brevard Circuit, S. S. Grant.
Hendersonville Circuit, R. A. Hutsell.
Catawba Circuit, W. B. Lyda.
Burnsville Circuit, Ayres Kincaid.
Bakersville Circuit, J. A. Wiggins.
Marshall Circuit and Pine Creek Mission, J. P. Reynolds.
Weaverville College, J. S. Kennedy, President

FRANKLIN DISTRICT.

J. W. Bowman, P. E.

Franklin Circuit, L. K. Hayes.
Waynesville Circuit, W. M. Kerr.
Webster Circuit, J. W. Bird.
Hayesville Circuit, J. H. Sensabaugh, W. H. Weaver, Sup.
Ducktown Station and Mines City Mission, W. J. Phillips.
Murphy Circuit, E. H. Bogle.
Cashier's Valley Mission, C. B. Fugate.
Robinsville Mission, to be supplied (by B. G. Wild).
Echota (Indian) Mission, J. R. Long.
C. M. Brown, S. S. Weatherley, B. R. Wilburn, transferred to Baltimore Conference.
W. E. Munsey transferred to Louisiana Conference.

V.—NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE.

HELD AT WILMINGTON, N. C., December 1-6, 1875.

BISHOP McTYEIRE, President; B. CRAVEN, Secretary.

QUESTION 1. Who are admitted on trial?

ANSWER. J. M. Rhodes, B. R. Hall, J. B. Carpenter? 3.

Ques. 2. Who remain on trial?

J. W. Shackford, N. M. Jurney, J. F. Craven, W. S. Rone, J. T. Gibbs, L. L. Nash,

J. W. Randle, J. R. Scroggs, C. A. Gault, M. W. Boyles, J. M. Leemley, N. G. Whittington. 11.

Ques. 3. Who are discontinued?

W. H. Cuninggim, J. C. Smith, L. W. Pigott, at their own request. 3.

Ques. 4. Who are admitted into full connection?

L. J. Holden, L. E. Stacey, P. F. W. Stamey, W. H. Watkins. 4.

Ques. 5. Who are readmitted?

J. D. Carpenter. 1.

Ques. 6. Who are received by transfer from other Conferences?

None.

Ques. 7. Who are the deacons of one year?

J. H. Gwinn, P. H. Greening, T. A. Coon, W. C. Norman, R. F. Bumpass, J. Sandford, T. W. Smith. 7.

Ques. 8. What traveling preachers are elected deacons?

L. J. Holden, L. E. Stacey, P. W. F. Stamey, W. H. Watkins, D. P. Goode. 5.

Ques. 9. What traveling preachers are ordained deacons?

L. J. Holden, L. E. Stacey, P. W. F. Stamey, D. P. Goode. 4.

Ques. 10. What local preachers are elected deacons?

J. N. Mann, W. H. Pegram, W. P. Williams, B. F. Dixon, J. H. Davis, W. O. Neill. 6.

Ques. 11. What local preachers are ordained deacons?

J. N. Mann, W. P. Williams, B. F. Dixon, J. H. Davis, W. O. Neill, J. A. Belt. 6.

Ques. 12. What traveling preachers are elected elders?

F. D. Swindell, James Wilson, Edward Howland. 3.

Ques. 13. What traveling preachers are ordained elders?

F. D. Swindell, James Wilson, Edward Howland. 3.

Ques. 14. What local preachers are elected elders?

Neill McNair Smith. 1.

Ques. 15. What local preachers are ordained elders?

Neill McNair Smith. 1.

Ques. 16. Who are located this year?

C. F. Deems, J. F. Smoot, at their own request. 2.

Ques. 17. Who are supernumerary?

J. H. Hill. 1.

Ques. 18. Who are superannuated?

D. C. Johnson, B. T. Blake, John Jones, J. W. Floyd, S. B. Dozier, G. E. Wyche, W. W. Albee, W. D. Meacham, Henry Gray, J. N. Somers, W. S. Haltom, R. P. Bibb, C. W. King. 13.

Ques. 19. What preachers have died during the past year?

W. F. Clegg. 1.

WILLIAM F. CLEGG was born near Pittsboro, Chatham co., N. C., Aug. 10, 1827, and died at the place of his birth, June 16, 1875. Born of Methodist parents, he was converted in early life, and, as he grew to manhood, developed a life of deep piety, thorough conse-

cration, and a burning zeal for the cause of Christ. He joined the North Carolina Conference at the session held in Louisburg in 1852, from which time, till within a year and a half of his death, he was one of the most active and useful ministers among us. Without superior physical or mental endowments, but thoroughly consecrated to the Master's work, he achieved glorious things for God and the world. "Neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I may finish my course with joy, and the ministry which I have received of the Lord Jesus," was the motto of his life; and wherever he labored scores were converted by his ministry, a goodly number of whom have become prominent in the Church, and now live to bless his memory. He was afflicted nearly fifteen years with the disease which finally terminated his valuable life, during which time the fires purified his spirit for its upward flight to the home of God and the good. During his last sickness he talked much of his approaching end, and always without a fear. He declared the gospel to be more to him, in the way of a rich and blessed experience, than he had proclaimed it to be to others, and fully capable of meeting the wants of humanity in any and all of its varied conditions. In his death the North Carolina Conference has lost one of its most pious members and faithful workers, and while we deplore his death, yet we have the comforting assurance, given by his pure life and dying testimony, that heaven has gained another glorified spirit, another voice has gone up to swell the tide of song which rolls through the ranks of the redeemed.

Ques. 20. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?

Their names were called over, one by one, and their characters examined and passed?

Ques. 21. What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations, and missions of the Conference?

Raleigh District.

	White Mem's.	Col'd Mem's.	Loc'l Fr's.
Raleigh:			
Edenton Street.....	584	.....	2
Person Street.....	193	.....	2
Cary Circuit.....	419	2	.....
Rolesville.....	385	1	1
Smithfield.....	419	2	.....
Tar River.....	731	.....	4
Louisburg.....	140	.....	1
Granville.....	926	2	4
Henderson.....	537	3	.....
Nashville and Rocky Mount.....	974	16	1
Youngville.....	99	.....	.....
	5407	26	15

Hillsboro District.

Hillsboro Station.....	86	1	1
Alamance.....	478	1	1
Chapel Hill and Haw River.....	503	.....	5
Pittsboro.....	701	.....	.....
Yanceyville.....	419	.....	.....
Deep River.....	511	.....	4

Hillsboro District (continued).

	White Mem's.	Col'd Mem's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Lenoirburg.....	498	3	2
Person.....	350	.....	.....
Durham.....	302	.....	.....
Flat River.....	781	33	1
	4623	38	14

Greensboro District.

Greensboro.....	290	2
North Guilford.....	466	4	1
South Guilford.....	625	.....	2
Thomasville and High Point.....	450	.....	1
Trinity.....	127	.....	2
Davidson.....	710	.....	1
Randolph.....	648	1	1
Forsythe.....	763	4	7
Winston.....	198	14	3
Stokes.....	386	9	.....
Madison.....	385	31	3
Wentworth.....	520	3	1
	5568	66	24

Salisbury District.

Salisbury.....	142	2	1
Salisbury Circuit.....	550	.....	2
Mooreville.....	480	4	1
Statesville.....	142	.....	.....
Statesville Circuit.....	315	.....	1
Mocksville.....	1065	.....	2
Iredell.....	516	.....	1
Alexander.....	513	.....	1
Wilkes.....	350	.....	1
Yadkinville.....	723	5	7
Mt. Airy.....	270	.....	1
Surry.....	237	10	6
Sauratown Mission.....	120	.....	4
	5423	21	23

Shelby District.

Shelby.....	140	2
Shelby Circuit.....	488	.....	3
Double Shoals.....	493	.....	5
South Mountain Mission.....	98	.....	.....
Cherry Mountain.....	311	.....	1
Rutherfordton.....	525	.....	2
Columbus Mission.....	127	.....	2
Marion.....	444	.....	3
Upper Broad River Mission.....	145	.....	.....
Morganton.....	800	.....	2
Lenoir.....	959	.....	8
Happy Home.....	400	.....	4
Newton.....	555	.....	.....
Rock Spring.....	900	5	2
South Fork.....	578	.....	4
Dallas.....	475	.....	.....
Lincolnton.....	400	3	2
	7838	8	40

Charlotte District.

Charlotte:			
Tryon Street.....	378	.....	1
Calvary Mission.....	36	.....	.....
South Charlotte.....	550	2	2
Pineville.....	300	.....	1
Pleasant Grove.....	512	.....	.....
Monroe Station.....	211	.....	.....
Monroe Circuit.....	550	.....	2
Concord.....	141	.....	.....
Concord Circuit.....	270	.....	.....
Mount Pleasant.....	617	.....	2
Albemarle.....	569	4	2
Stanley.....	256	.....	.....
Ansonville.....	435	6	2
Wadesboro.....	164	.....	.....
Wadesboro Circuit.....	479	1	1
Lilesville.....	295	.....	.....
	5753	13	13

Fayetteville District.

	White Mem's.	Col'd Mem's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Fayetteville.....	290	.....	2
Cumberland.....	340	.....	1
Robeson.....	786	200	6
Laurinburg.....	445	.....	1
Rockingham.....	523	.....	6
Pedee.....	588	11	2
Uwharrie.....	673	.....	.....
Carthage.....	625	5	1
Jonesboro.....	538	.....	1
Buckhorn.....	502	.....	5
Montgomery.....	574	2	3
	5884	218	28

Wilmington District.

Wilmington:			
Front Street.....	390	6	.....
Fifth Street.....	80	.....	2
Topsail.....	299	.....	2
Kenansville.....	425	.....	.....
Magnolia.....	350	.....	.....
Cape Fear Mission (included in Bladen Circuit).....	.....	.....	.....
Clinton.....	480	11	3
Cokesbury.....	610	.....	2
Bladen.....	430	.....	3
Elizabeth.....	412	.....	.....
Whitesville.....	541	.....	1
Smithville.....	446	.....	3
Onslow.....	256	.....	.....
	4719	17	16

Newbern District.

Goldsboro.....	179	.....	2
Wilson.....	266	.....	1
Wayne.....	555	.....	2
Mt. Olive.....	443	.....	2
Kinston.....	95	.....	1
Snow Hill.....	469	.....	3
Neuse.....	260	1	3
Swift Creek Mission.....	159	.....	.....
Jones.....	202	2	.....
Lenoir.....	379	.....	1
Newbern.....	245	.....	1
Craven.....	188	.....	1
Beaufort.....	205	.....	1
Carteret.....	363	.....	1
Straits.....	253	.....	.....
	4238	3	19

Washington District.

Washington and Greeneville.....	325	3
Warrenton.....	52	.....	1
Warren.....	620	5	.....
Roanoke.....	888	.....	7
Tarboro.....	184	.....	.....
Williamston.....	432	.....	5
Plymouth and Janesville.....	144	1	.....
Columbia.....	271	1	.....
Bath.....	289	.....	.....
Mattamuskeet.....	550	.....	2
Portsmouth and Ocracoke.....	127	.....	.....
Cape Hatteras.....	409	4	.....
	4291	11	24

Recapitulation.

Raleigh District.....	5407	26	15
Greensboro ".....	5568	66	24
Washington ".....	4291	11	24
Hillsboro ".....	4629	38	14
Salisbury ".....	5423	21	28
Fayetteville ".....	5884	218	28
Charlotte ".....	5753	13	13
Newbern ".....	4238	3	19
Shelby ".....	7838	8	40
Wilmington ".....	4719	17	16
Total this year.....	53,750	421	221
Total last year.....	49,703	339	223
Increase.....	4047	82	.....
Decrease.....	.....	.....	2

Ques. 22. How many infants have been baptized during the year?

1590.

Ques. 23. How many adults have been baptized during the year?

2505.

Ques. 24. What is the number of Sunday-schools?

624.

Ques. 25. What is the number of Sunday-school teachers?

3835.

Ques. 26. What is the number of Sunday-school scholars?

27,737.

Ques. 27. What amount is necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers?

\$5,407.

Ques. 28. What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied?

\$4,433 71. Applied to claimants.

Ques. 29. What has been contributed for missions?

Foreign Missions,	\$3,539 65
Domestic Missions,	1,930 09
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	\$5,469 74

Ques. 30. Where shall the next session of the Conference be held?

At Greensboro, N. C.

Ques. 31. Where are the preachers stationed this year?

RALEIGH DISTRICT.

J. P. Moore, P. E.

Raleigh:

Edenton Street, L. S. Burkhead.

Person Street, W. C. Norman.

Cary Circuit, J. E. Thompson.

Rolesville Circuit, L. J. Holden.

Smithfield Circuit, J. H. Wheeler.

Tar River Circuit, Richard S. Webb.

Youngville, E. J. Hunt.

Louisburg Station, F. L. Reid.

Granville Circuit, S. V. Hoyle.

Henderson Circuit, A. A. Boshamer.

Nashville and Rocky Mount, T. B. Reeks.

Toisnot Circuit, N. M. Jurney.

Editor of *Raleigh Christian Advocate*, J. B. Bobbitt.

HILLSBORO DISTRICT.

L. L. Hendren, P. E.

Hillsboro Station, H. P. Cole.

Durham Circuit, William H. Moore.

Alamance Circuit, William M. Jordan.

Chapel Hill and Haw River, J. J. Renn.

Pittsboro, John Tillett.

Yanceyville, John W. Jenkins.

Deep River, Thomas C. Moses.

Leasburg, T. J. Gattis.

Person Circuit, H. H. Gibbons.

Flat River, J. B. Martin.

University of North Carolina, A. W. Mangum,
Professor.

GREENSBORO DISTRICT.

N. H. D. Wilson, P. E.

Greensboro Station, S. D. Adams.

North Guilford Circuit, J. W. Lewis.

South Guilford Circuit, Zebulun Rush.

{ Thomasville and High Point, P. L. Herman.

{ Trinity, B. Craven.

Davidson Circuit, C. H. Phillips.

Randolph Circuit, J. F. Craven.

Forsythe Circuit, S. H. Helsabeck.

Winston Station, J. F. Heitman.

Stokes Circuit, J. R. Scroggs.

Madison Circuit, L. E. Stacey.

Wentworth Circuit, R. F. Bumpass.

Trinity College, B. Craven, President.

Conference Colleges, V. A. Sharpe and J. A.

Cunninggim, Agents.

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

D. R. Bruton, P. E.

Salisbury Station, L. W. Crawford.

Salisbury Circuit, R. T. N. Stevenson.

Mooresville Circuit, Thomas L. Triplett.

Statesville Station, T. A. Coon.

Statesville Circuit, N. S. Norton.

Mocksville Circuit, Thomas A. Boon.

Davie Circuit, William C. Wilson.

Iredell Circuit, M. L. Wood.

Alexander Circuit, H. F. Wiley.

Wilkes Circuit, C. A. Gault.

Yadkinville Circuit, Robert M. Brown.

Mount Airy Station, James Wilson.

{ Sauratown Mission, William B. Maness.

{ Surry Circuit, to be supplied (by W. S. Creasy).

Blue Ridge Mission, A. M. Long.

SHELBY DISTRICT.

R. G. Barrett, P. E.

Shelby Station, H. T. Hudson.

Shelby Circuit, J. W. North.

Double Shoals, S. D. Peeler.

Cherry Mountain, D. P. Goode.

{ Rutherfordton, S. Leard.

{ Columbus Mission, J. B. Carpenter.

{ Marion Circuit, N. G. Whittington.

{ Upper Broad River Mission, J. D. Carpenter.

Dysartville Circuit, J. C. Crisp.

Morganton Circuit, J. S. Ervin.

Caldwell Circuit, George W. Ivey.

Lenoir, W. M. Robey.

Happy Home Circuit, J. C. Hartsell.

Newton Circuit, L. Shell.

Rock Spring Circuit, J. W. Puett.

South Fork Circuit, C. M. Anderson.

Dallas Circuit, P. F. W. Stamey.

Lincolnton Circuit, Junius T. Harris.

Davenport Female College, W. M. Robey
President.

CHARLOTTE DISTRICT.

W. H. Bobbitt, P. E.

Charlotte Station, P. J. Carraway, J. C. Thomas.
 South Charlotte Circuit, Miles Foy.
 Pineville Circuit, W. D. Lee.
 Pleasant Grove Circuit, T. H. Edwards.
 Monroe Station, D. May.
 Monroe Circuit, M. H. Hoyle.
 Concord, C. M. Pepper.
 Mt. Pleasant Circuit, A. D. Betts.
 { Albemarle Circuit, T. P. Ricaud.
 { Stanley Circuit, E. Howland.
 Ansonville Circuit, M. C. Thomas.
 Wadesboro Station, James W. Wheeler.
 Wadesboro Circuit, Jesse H. Gwinn.
 Lilesville Circuit, T. P. England.

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT.

J. S. Nelson, P. E.

Fayetteville Station, E. W. Thompson, T. W. Smith.
 Cumberland Circuit, I. W. Avent.
 Robeson Circuit, Ira T. Wyche, B. R. Hall.
 Laurinburg Circuit, T. W. Guthrie.
 Rockingham Circuit, J. Wheeler.
 Pedee Circuit, M. V. Sherrill.
 Uwharrie Circuit, Gaston Farrar.
 Montgomery Circuit, I. F. Keerans.
 Carthage Circuit, L. H. Gibbons.
 Jonesboro Circuit, B. C. Phillips.
 Buckhorn Circuit, W. S. Chaffin.

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

W. S. Black, P. E.

Wilmington:
 Front Street, J. E. Mann.
 Fifth Street, J. M. Rhodes.
 Topsail Circuit, J. B. Bailey.
 Kenansville Circuit, J. T. Bagwell.
 Magnolia Circuit, S. M. Davis.
 Clinton Circuit, J. B. Alford.
 Cokesbury Circuit, M. V. Boyles.

Bladen Circuit, J. Sanford.
 Elizabeth Circuit, O. J. Brent.
 Whiteville Circuit, P. Greening.
 Waccamaw Mission, to be supplied.
 Smithville Circuit, J. W. Randle.
 Onslow Circuit, to be supplied (by G. W. Hardison).

NEWBERN DISTRICT.

E. A. Yates, P. E.

Newbern Station, W. C. Gannon.
 Goldsboro Station, J. R. Brooks.
 Wilson Station, R. A. Willis.
 Wayne Circuit, F. H. Wood.
 Mount Olive Circuit, W. H. Call.
 Kinston Circuit, C. C. Dodson.
 Snow Hill Circuit, James P. Simpson.
 Neuse Circuit, J. J. Carden.
 Jones Circuit, N. A. Hooker.
 Lenoir Circuit, J. N. Andrews.
 Swift Creek Circuit, to be supplied (by William Wine).
 Craven Circuit, D. Culbreth.
 Beaufort, A. R. Raven.
 Carteret Circuit, James Mahoney.
 Straits, to be supplied.

WASHINGTON DISTRICT.

W. Closs, P. E.

Washington Station, B. B. Culbreth, J. W. Shackford.
 Warren Circuit, J. R. Griffith, J. T. Gibbs.
 Roanoke Circuit, R. O. Burton.
 Tarboro Circuit, F. D. Swindell.
 Williamston Circuit, L. L. Nash.
 Greenville Circuit, J. Johnson.
 Plymouth and Jamesville, W. S. Rone.
 Columbia Circuit, William H. Watkins.
 Bath Circuit, to be supplied.
 Mattamuskeet, John D. Baie, one to be supplied, I. H. Hill, Sup.
 Portsmouth and Ocracoke, J. M. Lumley.
 Cape Hatteras, to be supplied.

VI.—SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE.

HELD AT ORANGEBURG, S. C., December 15-20, 1875.

BISHOP KEENER, *President*; WILLIAM C. POWER, *Secretary*.

QUESTION 1. Who are admitted on trial?

ANSWER. D. Zimmerman Dantzler, Arthur C. Walker, Whitefoord Smith Martin, Benjamin Marion Boozer, James Warren Ariail. 5.

Ques. 2. Who remain on trial?

John Lemmack Stokes, Felix Hartin, William W. Williams, Murdoch M. Ferguson, Anderson W. Jackson, James W. Wolling,

Oliver N. Rountree, Edward M. Merritt, J. J. Neville, William H. Ariail, John C. Counts, Samuel D. Vaughan. 12.

Ques. 3. Who are discontinued?
 None.

Ques. 4. Who are admitted into full connection?

William S. Wightman, Edward L. Archer,

John Q. Stockman, George W. Walker, M. Hutchinson Pooser, George W. Whitman, Hilliard F. Chrietberg, William H. Kirton, Le Roy F. Beaty, John O. Willson, James C. Bissell, John E. Carlisle. 12.

Ques. 5. Who are readmitted?

None.

Ques. 6. Who are received by transfer from other Conferences?

W. Wallace Duncan. 1.

Ques. 7. Who are the deacons of one year?

William A. Rogers, Coke D. Mann, J. Walter Dickson, George H. Pooser, Robert W. Barber, James C. Davis, A. Coke Smith, William S. Wightman, Edward L. Archer, George W. Walker. 10.

Ques. 8. What traveling preachers are elected deacons?

George W. Whitman, Le Roy F. Beaty, John O. Willson, James C. Bissell, John E. Carlisle. 5.

Ques. 9. What traveling preachers are ordained deacons?

George W. Whitman, Le Roy F. Beaty, John O. Willson, James C. Bissell, John E. Carlisle. 5.

Ques. 10. What local preachers are elected deacons?

Edward Pettus, D. W. Lupo, Nelson J. Brown, M. Shaw, John F. Carson, James M. Kirton, Whitefoord S. Martin, Frederick H. Burdett, Mack Singleton (colored). 9.

Ques. 11. What local preachers are ordained deacons?

Edward Pettus, D. W. Lupo, Nelson J. Brown, John F. Carson, Whitefoord S. Martin. 5.

Ques. 12. What traveling preachers are elected elders?

Daniel D. Dantzler, Dove Tiller, John K. McCain, John B. Wilson. 4.

Ques. 13. What traveling preachers are ordained elders?

Daniel D. Dantzler, Dove Tiller, John K. McCain, John B. Wilson. 4.

Ques. 14. What local preachers are elected elders?

Thos. J. Mellard, Jacob North (colored). 2.

Ques. 15. What local preachers are ordained elders?

Thomas J. Mellard. 1.

Ques. 16. Who are located this year?

William A. Hodges, William Bowman, George W. M. Creighton, Francis M. Morgan, James C. Davis. 5.

Ques. 17. Who are supernumerary?

John R. Little, Lewis A. Johnson, R. C. Oliver, John A. Wood, Jas. F. England. 5.

Ques. 18. Who are superannuated?

Joel W. Townsend, D. Derrick, W. C. Patterson, John Watts, L. Scarboro, E. J. Pennington, D. D. Byars, Simpson Jones, M. A. Connolly, R. R. Pegues, U. S. Bird. 11.

Ques. 19. What preachers have died during the past year?

Allan McCorquodale, Edward L. King, J. Claudius Miller. 3.

ALLAN MCCORQUODALE was a native of Girelshire, Scotland. He was born March 14, 1799, and brought up on the estate of Lord Shoufield, of the house of Fox Maul, Lord Panmure. Early in his life his father's family emigrated to the United States. Near the port of Wilmington they were wrecked—only life was saved. They found a home in North Carolina, near the South Carolina line. The family were Presbyterians, but under Methodist preaching Allan was brought to Christ, and joined the Methodist Church. He was made a class-leader, then an exhorter, and finally licensed to preach. He entered the South Carolina Conference Jan. 30, 1830. Three years on stations, thirty on circuits, and four on missions, made up the active service of his ministry. Six years supernumerary and three superannuated rounded out the forty-six years of his connection with the South Carolina Conference. He was tall, well built in frame, temperate, and of a cheerful mind. His mind was quick in apprehension, and its great qualification sterling common sense. His humor was natural, well toned, seldom exceeding proper bounds. Free from despondency and buoyant in spirit, he rarely failed in his undertakings. His unselfishness was marked; though quick in sensibility, he was always ready to forgive an injury. The children were always ready to remember him; the poor, the aged, the afflicted, seldom complained of him, except that he troubled himself too much on their account. As a pastor his presence was a benediction everywhere. Although loving and kind, yet the neglectful, the foolish followers of fashion, and the corrupt, often felt the force of his sarcasm. Having a rich experience of grace, and feeling the pressing importance of duty, his preaching was mostly expository, and, when in the fullness of his strength in the pulpit, often searched the conscience and swayed the sensibility of his hearers with power. He loved the peculiarities of his Church, and if there was any discount on his cheerfulness, it was because of their neglect. He was liberal to schools, and missions had in him a full and open-handed friend. His domestic life was happy, his house open to strangers, and his brethren could not be too frequent in their visits. The last nine years of his life were peculiarly pleasant, his domestic and social surroundings of the best kind. The old soldier found an asylum of rest; with congenial companionship, he rested as in the Land of Beulah. In his last illness, during partial delirium, he preached in his native tongue, frequently recovering himself with shoutings of glory to God. His message to his brethren in Conference was, "Tell them my heart is fixed trusting in the Lord." Thus passed away this servant of our Lord.

J. CLAUDIUS MILLER was of old Methodist lineage, the son of Jacob Miller, one of the

earlier and most devoted class-leaders in Charleston, S. C. Very early in life he was converted to God, and maintained a lovely and consistent piety to the very close of life. The troubles in the Church in Charleston, in 1833 and 1834, led to his uniting with the Methodist Protestant Church, in which he became an acceptable and useful preacher. The late war led to his removal from the city, and on his return, finding the church and congregation to which he had formerly belonged transferred to another denomination, and being thoroughly Methodistic, together with the fact that the lay-delegation system had become incorporated with the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, he at once sought connection with our Church again, and in 1871 was admitted into the South Carolina Conference. He was sent to the Graniteville Mission two years, Lexington one year, and Butler Circuit one, and in 1875 to Cane Creek Circuit, where his mortal life was suddenly closed. His brief connection with us was welcome and useful, and though hindered by feebleness of sight and a delicate constitution, yet his love of the work and his good qualities as a pastor gave him the confidence of his people. After a promising beginning on Cane Creek Circuit, and while diligently prosecuting his labors in the spirit of an evangelist, he was cut off by the hand of violence. Meekly and prayerfully he met his fate. Thus, like Stephen, he was prematurely called from active labor, and doubtless the Lord Jesus received his spirit.

EDWARD L. KING was born in Fairfield District, S. C., Feb. 17, 1819, and died in Columbia, S. C., Nov. 19, 1875. Brother King was educated at the Cokesbury Conference School, and while pursuing his studies there was happily converted to God, and admitted into the Church of Christ. Feeling divinely called to the work of the ministry, he obtained license to preach, and in 1839 was admitted into the South Carolina Conference. For twelve years he performed faithfully and affectionately the duties of an itinerant Methodist preacher. At the close of 1851 he located and removed to Florida. Here he remained until 1872, serving the Church acceptably and usefully as a local preacher, when he returned to his native State, and at the close of 1873 was readmitted into the South Carolina Conference. In 1874 he served the Berkeley Circuit, and at the close of that year was appointed to the Columbia Circuit. Here he ended his labors and his life. Brother King was a man of vigorous mind, sound judgment, deep piety, and amiable disposition. As a preacher, he was plain, earnest, practical, always conveying to the minds of his hearers the impression that he was deeply convinced of the truth of what he was preaching. By his zeal and earnestness as a preacher, and by his fidelity and tenderness as a pastor, he greatly endeared himself to the people of the Columbia Circuit, and much was expected by the Church there as the result of his faithful

labors. In July his health failed, and he was called to exchange the field of active labor for a bed of suffering. For five months he lingered in constant suffering, enduring at times great physical pain. But he was one of the most patient of sufferers. He never once complained. Resting confidently on the merits of Jesus, and sustained by the assurance of his acceptance with God, he patiently waited for the summons to depart. He died without a struggle.

Ques. 20. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?

Their names were called over, one by one, and their characters examined and passed.

Ques. 21. What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations, and missions of the Conference?

Charleston District.

	White Mem's.	Col'd Mem's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Charleston:			
Trinity.....	322		1
Bethel.....	302		3
Spring Street.....	250		
Summerville Circuit.....	161		
Berkeley Circuit.....	395	105	2
Santee Mission.....	190		3
Cooper River Mission.....	158	1	1
Cypress Circuit.....	330	1	1
St. Paul's Mission.....	97		
St. George's Circuit.....	496		1
Walterboro Circuit.....	669	196	1
Yemassee Circuit.....	205		1
Hardeeville Mission.....	74		
Bamberg Circuit.....	387		2
Colleton Circuit.....	650	3	
Allendale Circuit.....	316		
Black Swamp Circuit.....	251	2	1
	5253	308	17

Orangeburg District.

Orangeburg Station.....	148		1
Orangeburg Circuit.....	270		2
Branchville Circuit.....	253	1	
Providence Circuit.....	447	9	1
St. Matthew's Circuit.....	269		
Upper St. Matthew's Circuit.....	251		
Upper Orange Circuit.....	442	2	2
Edisto Circuit and Upper Edisto Mis.	511	2	2
Graham Circuit.....	370		
Williston Circuit.....	252		2
Ellington Circuit.....	26		
Aiken Mission.....	25	1	
Graniteville and Langley Mission.....	210		1
	3474	15	11

Columbia District.

Columbia:			
Washington Street.....	281		
Marion Street.....	235	3	
City Mission.....			
Columbia Circuit.....	468		1
Richland Fork Circuit.....	356	10	
Winnboro and Ridgeway.....	72	1	1
Blackstock Circuit and Mission.....	100		3
Fairfield Circuit.....	514	10	3
East Chester Circuit.....	401	2	1
Chester Circuit.....	486	3	
Rock Hill Circuit.....	310	2	
Yorkville Station.....	185		
York Circuit.....	225		1
Lexington Circuit.....	527		3
Leesville Circuit.....	560		2
Edgefield Circuit.....	359		1
	5079	31	16

Sumter District.

	White Mem's.	Col'd Mem's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Sumter Station.....	188	1	.....
Sumter Circuit.....	561	.....	1
Bishopville Circuit.....	316	2	.....
Camden Station.....	124	.....	.....
Kershaw Mission.....	190	.....	.....
Santee Circuit and Mission.....	404	.....	5
Manning Circuit.....	469	.....	1
Lynchburg Circuit.....	476	4	3
Timmons Station.....	404	.....	1
Darlington Station.....	105	.....	.....
Darlington Circuit.....	878	.....	5
Cheraw Station.....	102	.....	.....
Chesterfield Circuit.....	756	7	4
Zoar Circuit and Mission.....	494	.....	3
Hanging Rock Circuit.....	274	.....	.....
Lancaster Station.....	90	.....	.....
Belle Air.....	282	.....	1
	6113	14	24

Marion District.

Marion Station.....	240	.....	1
Buck Swamp Circuit.....	568	.....	3
Little Rock Circuit.....	573	.....	3
South Marlboro Circuit.....	610	.....	3
Bennettsville Circuit.....	798	.....	3
North Marlboro Circuit.....	330	.....	1
Florence and Liberty Chapel.....	163	1	2
Lynch's Creek Circuit and Mission...	450	.....	.....
Lynch's Lake Circuit.....	320	6	1
Kingsree Circuit.....	184	.....	.....
Johnsonville Circuit.....	438	.....	2
Gourdin and Sampit Circuit and Mis.	545	.....	3
Georgetown.....	206	1	.....
Waccamaw Circuit and Mission.....	319	3	3
Bucksville Station.....	67	.....	.....
Conwayboro Station.....	137	.....	.....
Conwayboro Circuit and Mission.....	819	3	3
Marion Circuit.....	620	.....	4
	7387	14	32

Spartanburg District.

Spartanburg Station.....	376	2	7
Spartanburg Circuit.....	108	2	.....
Cherokee Circuit.....	490	.....	.....
Rich Hill Circuit.....	630	35	1
Pacolet Circuit.....	302	.....	1
Fair Forest Circuit.....	475	5	1
Unionville Station.....	93	.....	.....
Goshen Hill Circuit.....	140	.....	1
Belmont Circuit.....	381	.....	.....
Cane Creek Circuit.....	235	.....	.....
Clinton Circuit.....	286	.....	.....
Laurens Circuit.....	689	2	3
	4205	46	14

Cokesbury District.

Cokesbury Station.....	137	.....	1
Cokesbury Circuit.....	456	.....	1
Abbeville Station.....	95	.....	.....
Abbeville Circuit.....	455	.....	.....
South Abbeville Circuit.....	425	.....	1
North Edgefield Circuit.....	159	.....	1
Lowndesville Station.....	271	.....	.....
Tumbling Shoals Circuit.....	292	.....	.....
Greenwood Circuit.....	387	.....	.....
Newberry Station.....	161	.....	1
Newberry Circuit.....	849	.....	2
Little Saluda Circuit.....	482	.....	1
	4169	.....	8

Greenville District.

Greenville Station.....	222	.....	.....
Greenville City and Marietta Mission	38	.....	.....
Greenville Circuit.....	541	.....	5
Reidville Circuit.....	645	1	1
Welford Circuit.....	.....	.....	.....
Fork Shoals Circuit.....	170	.....	.....

Greenville District (continued).

	White Mem's.	Col'd Mem's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Williamston Station.....	108	.....	.....
Brushy Creek Circuit.....	297	.....	.....
Anderson Station.....	112	.....	.....
Anderson Circuit.....	388	.....	.....
Pendleton Circuit.....	769	.....	1
Pickensville Circuit.....	477	.....	1
Pickens Mission.....	200	2	1
Walhalla Circuit.....	379	.....	2
Cheohee Mission.....	.....	.....	.....
Seneca Circuit and Mission.....	356	.....	.....
	4702	3	14

Recapitulation.

Charleston District.....	5253	308	17
Orangeburg ".....	3474	1	11
Columbia ".....	5079	31	16
Marion ".....	7387	14	32
Sumter ".....	6113	14	24
Cokesbury ".....	4169	.....	8
Spartanburg ".....	4205	46	14
Greenville ".....	4702	3	14
Total this year.....	40,382	431	136
Total last year.....	38,954	419	129
Increase.....	1428	12	7

Ques. 22. How many infants have been baptized during the year?
1698.

Ques. 23. How many adults have been baptized during the year?
1682.

Ques. 24. What is the number of Sunday-schools?
456.

Ques. 25. What is the number of Sunday-school teachers?
2740.

Ques. 26. What is the number of Sunday-school scholars?
17,945.

Ques. 27. What amount is necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers?
\$7,771.

Ques. 28. What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied?

Collected \$5,424 16. Distributed among the claimants according to their several necessities.

Ques. 29. What has been contributed for missions?

Domestic Missions,	\$4,832 21
Foreign Missions,	2,171 24
	\$7,003 45

Ques. 30. Where shall the next session of the Conference be held?
At Chester, S. C.

Ques. 31. Where are the preachers stationed this year?

CHARLESTON DISTRICT.

T. E. Wannamaker, P. E.

Charleston:

Trinity, G. H. Wells.
Bethel, J. T. Wightman.
Spring Street, W. T. Capers.
Berkeley, S. D. Vaughan.
Cain Hoy Circuit and Mission, A. G. Gantt.
{ Cypress Circuit, C. C. Fishburne.
{ St. Paul's Mission, to be supplied.
St. George's Circuit, Wm. P. Mouzon.
Bamberg Circuit, P. F. Kistler.
Colleton Circuit, T. Raysor, O. N. Rountree.
Walterboro Circuit, J. F. Sidley.
Allendale Circuit, J. B. Massabau.
Black Swamp Circuit, J. W. Humbert.
{ Yemassee Circuit, G. H. Pooser.
{ Hardeeville Mission, J. R. Coburn.
{ Okeetee Mission, to be supplied.

ORANGEBURG DISTRICT.

Wm. Martin, P. E.

Orangeburg Station, J. B. Campbell.
Orangeburg Circuit, D. D. Dantzler.
Branchville Circuit, J. W. McRoy.
Providence Circuit, Wm. Hutto.
St. Matthew's Circuit, J. H. Zimmerman.
Upper St. Matthew's, M. L. Banks.
Upper Orange Circuit, A. R. Danner.
{ Edisto Circuit, D. J. Simmons.
{ Upper Edisto Mission, to be supplied.
Graham Circuit, A. J. Cawthen.
Williston Circuit, B. G. Jones.
Ellenton Circuit, J. C. Bissell.
Aiken Mission, S. H. Brown.
Graniteville and Langley Mission, H. A. C. Walker.

COLUMBIA DISTRICT.

E. J. Meymardie, P. E.

Columbia:

Washington Street, A. Coke Smith.
Marion Street, J. W. Dixon.
Columbia Circuit, Geo. M. Boyd.
Richland Fork Circuit, C. D. Rowell.
{ Winnsboro, G. W. Walker.
{ Blackstock Circuit and Mission, D. W. Seale.
Fairfield Circuit, J. M. Boyd.
Chester Circuit, Thos. Mitchell, A. C. Walker.
East Chester Circuit, J. W. Kelly.
Rock Hill Circuit, T. W. Munnerlyn.
Yorkville Station, J. E. Carlisle.
Yorkville Circuit, E. L. Archer, L. A. Johnson, Sup.
Lexington Circuit, T. J. Clyde.
Leesville Circuit, J. A. Clifton.
Edgefield Circuit, G. F. Round.
Columbia Female College, S. B. Jones, President; A. J. Stafford, Professor.

SUMTER DISTRICT.

A. M. Chrietzberg, P. E.

Sumter Station, R. N. Wells.
Sumter Circuit, L. M. Little, J. L. Stokes.
Bishopville Circuit, S. J. Hill.

Camden, H. F. Chrietzberg.
Santee Circuit, J. L. Shuford.
Manning Circuit, G. W. Whitman.
Lynchburg Circuit, J. B. Platt.
Timmons ville, W. L. Pegues.
Hebron Circuit, E. M. Merritt.
Hanging Rock Circuit, D. J. McMillan.
Lancaster Station, W. A. Rogers.
Lancaster Circuit, J. C. Russell, J. F. England, Sup.
Kershaw Circuit, W. W. Williams.

MARION DISTRICT.

W. H. Fleming, P. E.

Marion Station, A. J. Stokes.
Buck Swamp Circuit, J. C. Stoll.
Little Rock Circuit, F. Auld, J. R. Little, Sup.
South Marlboro Circuit, J. T. Kilgo.
Bennettsville Circuit, J. M. Carlisle, D. Z. Dantzler.
North Marlboro Circuit, M. M. Ferguson.
Waccamaw Circuit and Mission, William Carson.
Bucks ville Station, J. Walling.
Conwayboro Station, G. T. Harmon.
Conwayboro Circuit, to be supplied.
Pedee Circuit, W. H. Kirton.
Marion Circuit, Wm. Thomas.

FLORENCE DISTRICT.

W. C. Power, P. E.

Florence and Liberty, R. L. Harper.
Darlington Station, J. O. Willson.
Darlington Circuit, L. M. Hamer.
Cheraw Station, D. Tiller.
Chesterfield Circuit, J. W. Murray.
Zoar Circuit and Mission, A. Ervine.
Lynch's Creek Circuit and Mission, A. Nettles.
Kingstree Station, Whitefoord S. Martin.
Johnsonville Circuit, G. W. Gatlin.
Gourdin and Sampit Circuit and Mission, R. L. Duffie.
Georgetown Station, Landy Wood.
Black River Circuit, H. J. Morgan.
Lynch's Lake Circuit, J. S. Beazley.

SPARTANBURG DISTRICT.

H. M. Mood, P. E.

Spartanburg Station, J. A. Porter, R. C. Oliver, Sup.
Gowansville Circuit, B. M. Boozer.
Cherokee Circuit, J. F. Smith.
Rich Hill Circuit, A. P. Avant.
Limestone Spring Circuit, I. J. Newberry.
Jonesville Circuit, J. B. Wilson.
Union Station, A. H. Lester.
Goshen Hill Circuit, J. E. Watson.
Belmont Circuit, M. M. McKibbin.
Cane Creek Circuit, R. W. Barber.
Clinton, W. W. Jones.
Laurens Circuit, J. A. Mood, J. W. Ariail.
Wofford College, Whitefoord Smith, W. Wallace Duncan, Professors; H. A. C. Walker, Financial Secretary.

Editor of *Southern Christian Advocate*, F. M. Kennedy.
Professor in Vanderbilt University, A. M. Shipp.

COKESBURY DISTRICT.

Manning Brown, P. E.

Cokesbury Station, R. D. Smart.
Cokesbury Circuit, J. B. Traywick, T. Sumpter Daniel.
Abbeville Station, W. S. Whiteman.
Abbeville Circuit, W. A. Clarke.
South Abbeville Circuit, S. P. H. Elwell.
North Edgefield Circuit and Mission, J. C. Counts.
Lowndesville Station, W. H. Lawton.
Tumbling Shoals Circuit, N. R. Melton.
Greenwood Circuit, R. P. Franks.
Newberry Station, C. H. Pritchard.
Newberry Circuit, T. G. Herbert, L. F. Beaty.
North Newberry Circuit, E. T. Hodges.
Little Saluda Circuit, M. H. Pooser.

GREENVILLE DISTRICT.

O. A. Darby, P. E.

Greenville Station, W. D. Kirkland.
Greenville City and Marietta Mission, W. H. Atrial.
Greenville Circuit, R. R. Dagnall.
Reidville Circuit, J. K. McCain, J. A. Wood, Sup.
Fork Shoal Circuit, John Finger.
Williamston and Belton, Samuel A. Webber.
Brushy Creek Circuit, J. J. Workman.
Anderson Station, W. W. Mood.
Anderson Circuit, J. J. Neville.
Central Circuit, A. W. Jackson.
Sandy Spring Circuit, J. Attaway.
Walhalla and Pendleton, A. W. Walker.
{ Pickens Circuit, J. Q. Stockman.
{ Pickens Mission, T. P. Phillips.
Seneca City Circuit, L. C. Loyal.
Cheohee Mission, Felix Hartin.
Fork Circuit and Mission, C. D. Mann.
Williamston Female College, S. Lander, President; S. A. Webber, Professor.

VII.—NORTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE.

HELD AT GRIFFIN, GA., December 1-7, 1875.

BISHOP KEENER, *President*; J. W. HEIDT, *Secretary*.

QUESTION 1. Who are admitted on trial?

ANSWER. George W. Duval, Henry M. Quillian, John W. Quillian, William D. Anderson, James L. Perryman, Vincent V. Harlan, John D. Hammond, Warren A. Candler, Osgood A. Thrower, Elam Christian, Elias H. Wood, Doctor F. C. Timmons. 12.

Ques. 2. Who remain on trial?

James E. England, William E. Shackelford, Jesse I. Harris, Thomas J. Edwards, William H. Trammell, James W. Lee, Franklin M. T. Brannon, Edward A. Gray, Thomas R. Kendall, A. J. Hughes, Charles L. Pattillo. 11.

Ques. 3. Who are discontinued?

S. A. Mitchell (at his own request), R. M. Hughes, T. J. Adams. 3.

Ques. 4. Who are admitted into full connection?

W. T. Laine, G. W. Thomas, J. W. G. Watkins, W. L. Wootten, W. H. Speer, W. L. Yarbrough, J. H. Bentley, W. R. Foote, jr., J. D. Gray, G. E. Bonner, W. W. Lampkin. 11.

Ques. 5. Who are readmitted?

None.

Ques. 6. Who are received by transfer from other Conferences?

A. J. Hughes, R. M. Hughes, J. Rembert Smith, I. S. Hopkins, R. W. Rogers, John J. Morgan. 6.

Ques. 7. Who are the deacons of one year? Eli Smith, S. P. Jones, M. L. Underwood, W. P. Smith, J. T. Richardson, C. C. Cary, J. S. Embry, G. W. Hardaway, Isaac G. Parks, J. H. Mashburn, jr. 10.

Ques. 8. What traveling preachers are elected deacons?

G. W. Thomas, J. W. G. Watkins, W. L. Wootten, W. H. Speer, W. L. Yarbrough, J. H. Bentley, W. R. Foote, jr., G. E. Bonner, W. W. Lampkin. 9.

Ques. 9. What traveling preachers are ordained deacons?

G. W. Thomas, J. W. G. Watkins, W. L. Wootten, W. H. Speer, W. L. Yarbrough, J. H. Bentley, W. R. Foote, jr., G. E. Bonner, W. W. Lampkin. 9.

Ques. 10. What local preachers are elected deacons?

Nicholas C. Glenn, Arthur C. Davidson, David L. Parrish, Levi Q. Reid, William M. Duncan, James C. Bell, John J. Methvin, Gabriel W. Moore, Warren D. Payne, Josiah F. Holmes,

James H. Callahan, Owen H. Smith, William J. C. Timmons, William S. Foster, D. F. C. Timmons. 15. Joseph T. Crowell, M. Post, recognized.

Ques. 11. What local preachers are ordained deacons?

David L. Parrish, William S. Foster, Warren D. Payne, Josiah F. Holmes, Doctor F. C. Timmons. 5.

Ques. 12. What traveling preachers are elected elders?

J. R. Pate, H. C. Christian, J. R. Smith. 3.

Ques. 13. What traveling preachers are ordained elders?

J. R. Pate, H. C. Christian, J. R. Smith. 3.

Ques. 14. What local preachers are elected elders?

James A. Baugh, George K. Quillian, James M. Moore, John T. Whittaker, James Prophit, Elijah H. Clarke. 6. Holmes L. Harvey (Presbyterian), William M. Chapman (Baptist), recognized.

Ques. 15. What local preachers are ordained elders?

George K. Quillian. 1.

Ques. 16. Who are located this year?

Josiah Lewis, jr. 1.

Ques. 17. Who are supernumerary?

R. P. Martyn, P. A. Heard, E. G. Murrah, J. T. Norris, R. H. Jones, J. B. McFarland, J. T. Richardson, J. P. Howell, A. Means, J. M. Lowery. 10.

Ques. 18. Who are superannuated?

Jesse W. Carroll, Robert A. Conner, Henry Cranford, Andrew J. Deavors, John M. Bright, James M. Armstrong, John P. Duncan, Milford G. Hamby, John B. C. Quillian, Goodman Hughes, Morgan Bellah, Claiborne Trussell, Noah H. Palmer, John W. Knight, J. Lewis, sr., B. J. Johnson, R. F. Jones, W. J. Scott, G. J. Pearce, Wm. J. Wardlaw, S. J. Bellah. 21.

Ques. 19. What preachers have died during the past year?

Joshua M. Parker. 1.

JOSHUA M. PARKER, son of the Rev. Wm. C.

Parker, was born in Atlanta, Ga., and died in the same city, Dec. 2, 1875. He was converted at Evans's Chapel, Sept., 1858, and licensed to preach by the Oxford Quarterly Conference in 1869. He graduated at Emory College in July, 1871, and was received on trial at the Athens Conference of the same year. He served the following appointments: Little River Circuit in 1872, Bethlehem Station in 1873, and Roswell Circuit in 1874. He was ordained deacon by Bishop Paine, at Newnan, Dec., 1873. In 1874 rapidly failing health indicated that his work was nearly done, and his Presiding Elder suggested a superannuation, which he declined, and asked only a supernumerary relation, as he preferred to attempt his own support, that he might leave the Conference-fund to more aged claimants. Converted while he was but a child, he had a bright experience.

In that glad hour a friend said, "Joshua, can you tell your father how good Jesus has been to you?" The reply was, "I cannot, for it is better felt than told." All who knew him regarded him as a good child, and afterward as a pious, studious youth. As a preacher, he had a high conception of his work, possessing gifts and graces for the holy office. He was a good preacher, and consecration and studious devotion to his calling gave promise for the future. As a young writer, he touched, with accuracy and elegance, the various fields of poetry, history, and theology. As a friend, he had qualities of heart of peculiar tenderness. Only a few months ago, when he was scarcely able to walk, hearing of the bereavement of a ministerial friend, whose wife had died, he took a journey of nearly two hundred miles to condole with him in his night of sorrow. In revival seasons he would linger in prayer with penitent souls nearly all night long. It is believed that exposure in the work of saving souls, added to excessive study, hastened our brother's death. For months past he has seemed to be in the Land of Beulah. Some of his last utterances, communicated to the pastor of Trinity Church, were: "I desire to go to Conference and meet the brethren there, but tell them it is all right with me; my religion has been obedience to God. Perfect obedience, in suffering and doing his will, is the goal for which I have been striving. I have learned to suffer his will, and am happy in it." He remained in this spirit until the second day of the present Conference, when he died with a heavenly radiance on his countenance and praises of the Lord upon his lips. He could not come to our annual gathering, but since we have assembled here he has doubtless taken his place in the general assembly of the Church triumphant. While our brother has gone up on high he has left to our care and Christian love his noble young Christian wife, now in extreme physical suffering, and perhaps soon to follow him into eternal life. She will retain the affections, and be remembered in the prayers, of the Conference.

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Athens District.

	White Mem's.	Col'd Mem's	Loc'l Pres.
Athens:			
Athens Station	374	2
Oconee Street.....	132	.....	2
Factory Mission.....	204	1	1
Watkinsville.....	800	4	8
Madison	102	.....	1
Morgan.....	383	.....	1
Greensboro.....	270	.....	2

Athens District (continued).

	White Mem's.	Col'd Mem's.	Loc'l Pr's.
White Plains.....	393		1
Lexington.....	200		2
Winterville.....	339		2
Washington.....	110	2	
Broad River.....	291	16	1
Little River.....	269		2
Eatonton.....	131		
Putnam.....	545		4
	4543	23	28

Atlanta District.

Atlanta:			
First Church.....	575		3
Payne's Chapel.....	460		6
Trinity.....	544		6
Evans and Oakland.....	347		6
City Mission.....	76		1
St. Paul's.....	324		2
Edgewood.....	202		
Fulton.....	607		5
East Point.....	500		2
Decatur.....	471	1	2
Flat Shoals.....	400		4
Norcross.....	487		1
Conyers.....	407		5
Covington and Mount Pleasant.....	261		1
Newton.....	426		3
Oxford and Social Circle.....	343		11
Newbern.....	375		3
Monticello.....	162		
Ocmulgee Circuit and Mission.....	150		
Monroe.....	434		3
	7551	1	64

Augusta District.

Augusta:			
St. John's.....	286		4
St. Luke's Mission.....	43		1
St. James's.....	654		1
Asbury.....	563		1
Richmond Circuit.....	570		4
Belair Mission.....	272		1
Appling Circuit.....	341		2
Thompson.....	435		4
Warrenton.....	715		7
Sparta.....	166		1
Sparta Factory Mission.....	105		
Hancock.....	585		1
Crawfordville.....	269		1
Milledgeville.....	300		
Baldwin.....	207		
	5502		28

Dalton District.

Dalton.....	224		5
Dalton Circuit.....	619	3	3
Ringgold Circuit.....	370	2	3
Summerville.....	570		5
Subigna.....	403		2
La Fayette.....	446		7
McLemore's Cove.....	531		3
Spring Place.....	400		3
Resaca.....	380		3
Calhoun.....	733		2
Kingston.....	714		8
Murray Mission.....	265		3
	5655	5	47

Elberton District.

Elberton.....	355		2
Elbert.....	478		5
North Lincoln.....	185	7	1
South Lincoln.....	117		1
Jefferson.....	375		1
Mulberry.....	447		7
Carnesville.....	369		4
Franklin Springs Mission.....	171		

Elberton District (continued).

	White Mem's.	Col'd Mem's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Danielsville.....	338		1
Homer.....	585		4
Belton Mission.....	246		2
Hartwell.....	566	1	4
Clarksville.....	291		2
Clayton Circuit and Mission.....	210	1	
	4733	9	34

Gainesville District.

Dahlonega and Jones's Chapel.....	173		3
Porter Springs Mission.....	153		
Dawsonville.....	425		9
Cumming.....	545	4	9
Alpharetta.....	501		
Canton.....	691		9
Cherokee.....	394		4
Cleveland.....	608		8
Narcoossee.....	280		4
Blairsville.....	370	5	3
Morganton.....	106		1
Gainesville.....	247		3
Flowery Branch.....	415		3
Hall.....	493	2	6
Lawrenceville and New Hope.....	208		
Logansville.....	350		1
Duluth.....	340		3
Ellijay.....	241	4	1
Jasper.....	686	2	6
	7226	17	73

Griffin District.

Griffin.....	363		2
Zebulun.....	525		
Flint River Mission.....	35		
Fayetteville.....	713		10
Jonesboro.....	507	1	3
McDonough.....	525		1
Hampton.....	214		2
Jackson Circuit and Ocmulgee Miss.....	213		1
Pleasant Hill.....	176		
Barnesville and Salem.....	279		3
Milner.....	390		2
Culloden.....	312		2
County Line.....	201	3	
Thomaston and Rock.....	182		
Upson.....	350		6
Forsyth Circuit.....	315		3
Forsyth.....	210		
Clinton.....	174		
Jones's Mission.....	153		
	5839	4	35

La Grange District.

La Grange.....	205		
West Point.....	157		2
Newnan.....	212		1
Troup.....	454		4
Long Cane.....	381	1	
Whitesville.....	543		8
Greenville and Trinity.....	232	2	
Chalhybeate Springs.....	331		1
Grantville.....	493		2
Whitesburg.....	409	2	5
Hogansville.....	400		2
Senoia.....	626		8
Palmetto and Jones's Chapel.....	220		3
Fairburn.....	490		2
Carrollton.....	174		3
Bowden.....	360		5
Franklin.....	400		1
Heard Mission.....	140		
	6237	5	47

Rome District.

Rome Station.....	337		5
Rome Circuit and De Soto Mission.....	359		1

Rome District (continued).

	White Mem's.	Col'd Mem's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Forestville.....	586	3	7
Cedar Town.....	145		1
Cedar Valley Circuit.....	181		1
Cave Spring.....	254	1	7
Floyd.....	110		
Van Wert.....	500		3
Villa Rica.....	577		7
Haralson Mission.....	174		1
Cartersville.....	255		6
Marietta.....	249		5
Aecworth.....	757		12
Roswell.....	642		7
Powder Springs.....	412		4
Dallas.....	341		2
Douglasville.....	355		
	6234	4	69

Recapitulation.

Athens District.....	4543	23	28
Atlanta.....	7551	1	64
Augusta.....	5602		28
Dalton.....	5655	5	47
Elberton.....	4733	9	34
Gainesville.....	7226	17	73
Griffin.....	5839	4	35
La Grange.....	6237	5	47
Rome.....	6234	4	69
Total this year.....	53,520	68	425
Total last year.....	50,956	134	406
Increase.....	2564		19
Decrease.....		66	

Ques. 22. How many infants have been baptized during the year?

1399.

Ques. 23. How many adults have been baptized during the year?

3042.

Ques. 24. What is the number of Sunday-schools?

527.

Ques. 25. What is the number of Sunday-school teachers?

3470.

Ques. 26. What is the number of Sunday-school scholars?

27,171.

Ques. 27. What amount is necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers?

\$7,458.

Ques. 28. What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied?

Collected, \$5,158 29. Paid to claimants.

Ques. 29. What has been contributed for missions?

Domestic Missions, \$4,548 68

Foreign Missions, 3,075 06

\$7,623 74

Ques. 30. Where shall the next session of the Conference be held?

At Sparta, Ga.

Ques. 31. Where are the preachers stationed this year?

ATHENS DISTRICT.

T. F. Pierce, P. E.

Athens:

{ Athens Station, W. H. Potter, P. A. Heard, Sup.
 { Oconee Street, A. W. Williams.
 { Factory Mission, to be supplied (by G. L. McCleskey).
 Watkinsville, W. W. Oslin, W. H. Trammell.
 Madison, A. T. Mann.
 Morgan, J. L. Lupo.
 Greensboro, F. G. Hughes.
 White Plains, W. F. Smith.
 Lexington, L. P. Neese, E. G. Murrah, Sup.
 Winterville, C. C. Cary.
 Washington, Jesse Boring.
 Broad River, J. F. Mixon.
 Little River, D. L. Anderson.
 Crawfordville, G. W. Hardaway.
 Lincolnton, D. Kelsey.
 State University, E. W. Speer, Professor.

ATLANTA DISTRICT.

J. E. Evans, P. E.

Atlanta:

{ First Street, W. P. Harrison.
 { Sixth Church, Mission and West End, W. C. Dunlap.
 { Fulton, O. A. Thrower.
 Payne's Chapel, T. H. Timmons.
 Evans and Oakland, J. H. Harris.
 Trinity, W. F. Cook.
 { St. Paul's, W. A. Dodge.
 { Edgewood, W. M. Crumly.
 East Point, J. E. England.
 Decatur, J. A. Reynolds.
 Conyers, W. D. Heath.
 Covington, W. R. Branham, sr.
 { Newton, A. W. Rowland, W. A. Candler.
 { Oxford, A. G. Haygood, A. Means, Sup.
 Monticello, A. Gray.
 { Monroe, M. F. Malsby, D. F. C. Timmons.
 { Social Circle, W. A. Florence.
 Emory College, A. G. Haygood, President;
 M. Callaway, Professor.

AUGUSTA DISTRICT.

R. W. Bigham, P. E.

Augusta:

{ St. John's, C. A. Evans.
 { St. Luke's, C. W. Key.
 { St. James's, H. H. Parks.
 { Jones's Chapel, W. L. Wooten.
 Asbury, F. A. Kimbell.
 Richmond, R. A. Seale, W. E. Shackelford, Sup.
 Belair Mission, to be supplied (by E. P. Bonner).
 Appling, B. F. Fariss.
 Thompson, W. T. Hamilton.
 { Warren Circuit, F. P. Brown.
 { Warrenton, F. B. Davies.
 { Sparta, G. H. Pattillo.
 { Sparta Factory Mission, E. Christian.
 Hancock, J. L. Pierce, one to be supplied (by J. Newell).
 Milledgeville, H. J. Adams.
 Baldwin, W. Robert Foote.

Eatonton, W. D. Anderson.
Putnam, W. T. Caldwell, one to be supplied.

DAHLONEGA DISTRICT.

J. W. Stipe, P. E.

Dahlonega and Jones's Chapel, J. D. Hammond.
Porter Spring Mission, to be supplied (by E. L. Stephens).
Dawsonville, J. W. Baker.
Cleveland, Eli Smith.
Nacoochee, W. R. Branham, jr.
Blairsville, T. J. Edwards.
Morganton Mission, to be supplied (by J. N. Austin).
Ellijay, A. J. Hughes.
Jasper, J. H. Mashburn, jr.
Clayton Circuit and Mission, G. E. Bonner.

DALTON DISTRICT.

D. J. Myrick, P. E.

Dalton, T. A. Seals.
Dalton Circuit, W. G. Hanson, J. T. Richardson, Sup.
Ringgold, G. W. Thomas.
Summerville, W. P. Lovejoy.
Subligna, W. L. Yarbrough.
La Fayette, W. W. Lampkin.
McLemore's Cove, H. C. Christian, J. B. McFarland, Sup.
Spring Place, J. S. Embry.
{ Resaca, H. M. Quillian.
{ Murray Mission, to be supplied (by John Oates).
Calhoun and Oothcaloga, A. C. Thomas.
Gordon Circuit, P. G. Reynolds.
Kingston, J. J. Singleton.
Dalton Female College, W. A. Rogers, President.

ELBERTON DISTRICT.

A. G. Worley, P. E.

Elberton, J. M. Dickey.
Bethlehem, W. F. Lewis.
Elbert, C. A. Mitchell, J. W. Quillian.
Jefferson, W. A. Fariss.
Mulberry, C. A. Conaway.
Carnesville, W. P. Smith.
Danielsville, J. W. G. Watkins.
{ Homer, J. L. Perryman.
{ Gillesville, J. H. Mashburn, sr.
Toccoa, J. J. Morgan.
Hartwell, W. T. Norman.
Clarksville, E. A. Gray.

GAINESVILLE DISTRICT.

J. R. Parker, P. E.

Gainesville, D. D. Cox.
Alpharetta, J. J. Harris.
Canton, R. R. Johnson.
Cherokee, J. N. Myers.
Cumming, M. W. Arnold.
Flowery Branch, to be supplied, R. P. Martyn, Sup.
Hall, C. L. Pattillo.

Lawrenceville, V. V. Harlan.
Loganville, J. H. Bentley.
Duluth, M. H. Eakes.
Roswell, J. Chambers.
Norcross, W. T. Laine, J. M. Lowery, Sup.

GRIFFIN DISTRICT.

G. W. Yarbrough, P. E.

Griffin, L. J. Davies.
Zebulun, T. S. L. Harwell.
Fayetteville, B. Sanders.
Jonesboro, J. R. Smith.
{ McDonough, J. W. Yarbrough.
{ Hampton, J. D. Gray.
{ Jackson, R. J. Harwell.
{ Ocmulgee Circuit, I. G. Parks.
Pleasant Hill, E. H. Wood.
Barnesville and Salem, W. P. Rivers.
Milner, R. W. Rogers.
{ Upson, J. R. Pate.
{ Thomaston and Rock, J. B. Payne.
Forsyth, G. E. Gardner.
Forsyth Circuit, J. T. Lowe.
Clinton, W. T. McMichael.
Culloden, T. R. Kendall.

LA GRANGE DISTRICT.

J. W. Heidt, P. E.

La Grange, G. G. Smith.
West Point, P. M. Ryburn.
Newnan, J. H. Baxter.
Troup, H. J. Ellis.
Long Cane, J. S. Bryan, J. P. Howell, Sup.
Whitesville, M. H. White.
{ Greenville and Trinity, W. A. Simmons.
{ Chalybeate Springs, J. Jones.
Grantville, W. J. Cotter.
Whitesburg, D. Nolan.
Hogansville, F. M. T. Brannon.
Senoia, L. Rush.
{ Palmetto and Jones, J. Carr.
{ Fairburn, J. M. Bowden.
{ Carrollton, W. F. Quillian.
{ Bowden, E. K. Aiken.
{ Franklin, W. H. Speer.
{ Heard, W. H. Graham.
Missionary to China, Young J. Allen.
American Bible Society, W. A. Parks, District Superintendent.
La Grange Female College, J. R. Mayson, President.

ROME DISTRICT.

W. P. Pledger, P. E.

Rome, W. H. La Prade.
Rome Circuit and De Soto Mission, S. P. Jones.
Forestville, D. J. Weems.
{ Cedar Town, A. M. Thigpen.
{ Cedar Valley, to be supplied (by J. W. Traywick).
Cave Spring, B. E. L. Timmons.
Van Wert, J. W. Lee.
{ Villa Rica, F. F. Reynolds.
{ Haralson Mission, to be supplied (by W. W. Simpson).

Cartersville, A. J. Jarrell, John T. Norris, Douglassville, M. L. Underwood.

Sup.

Marietta, W. F. Glenn.

Acworth, W. R. Foote, R. H. Jones, Sup.

Powder Springs, Sanford Leake.

Dallas, G. W. Duval.

W. W. Wadsworth transferred to North Mississippi Conference.

Isaac S. Hopkins transferred to Alabama Conference.

VIII.—SOUTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE.

HELD AT AMERICUS, GA., December 15-21, 1875.

BISHOP DOGGETT, *President*; S. D. CLEMENTS, *Secretary*.

QUESTION 1. Who are admitted on trial?

ANSWER. Walter H. Johnson, William F. Lloyd, Don Q. Abbott, William E. Shepard, Hamlin R. Felder, Littleton A. Snow, Samuel W. Stubbs. 7.

Ques. 2. Who remain on trial?

Thaddeus I. Nease, Charles D. Adams, Robert B. Bryan, William C. Lovett, Robert M. Booth, Urban W. Norton. 6.

Ques. 3. Who are discontinued?

Isaac C. Rabun; Joseph W. Roberts, Barnard H. Lester, Edwin I. Smith, at their own request. 4.

Ques. 4. Who are admitted into full connection?

Howard W. Key, Benjamin W. Key, Isaac F. Cary, William J. Flanders, James E. Rorie, Richard W. Rogers, Joseph W. Weston, Cornelius E. Boland, Wilbur F. Bearden, Pleasant H. Crumpler, Walter Lewis. 11.

Ques. 5. Who are readmitted?

None.

Ques. 6. Who are received by transfer from other Conferences?

James D. Anthony, from North Alabama Conference; Josephus Anderson, from Florida Conference. 2.

Ques. 7. Who are the deacons of one year?

Howard W. Key, Benjamin W. Key, William J. Green, John B. Culpepper, Summerfield N. Tucker, William M. C. Conley. 6.

Ques. 8. What traveling preachers are elected deacons?

Isaac F. Cary, Pleasant H. Crumpler, William J. Flanders, James E. Rorie, Richard W. Rogers, Joseph W. Weston, Cornelius E. Boland, Wilbur F. Bearden. 8.

Ques. 9. What traveling preachers are ordained deacons?

Isaac F. Cary, Pleasant H. Crumpler, William J. Flanders, James E. Rorie, Richard W. Rogers, Joseph W. Weston, Cornelius E. Boland, Wilbur F. Bearden. 8.

Ques. 10. What local preachers are elected deacons?

James A. J. Kimble, George B. Swann, Lewis M. Sutton, William H. H. Bush, Richard M. Walker. 5.

Ques. 11. What local preachers are ordained deacons?

James A. J. Kimble, Richard M. Walker. 2.

Ques. 12. What traveling preachers are elected elders?

John W. Domingos, Geo. C. Thompson. 2.

Ques. 13. What traveling preachers are ordained elders?

John W. Domingos, Geo. C. Thompson. 2.

Ques. 14. What local preachers are elected elders?

John T. McLaughlin. 1.

Ques. 15. What local preachers are ordained elders?

John T. McLaughlin. 1.

Ques. 16. Who are located this year?

Boling H. Sasnett, John W. Glen, at their own request. 2.

Ques. 17. Who are supernumerary?

R. F. Williamson, Shelton R. Weaver. 2.

Ques. 18. Who are superannuated?

W. H. Thomas, Thomas B. Lanier, D. O. Driscoll, Wyatt Brooks, H. P. Pitchford, Y. F. Tigner, J. W. Talley, W. S. Baker, James Harris, S. G. Childs, Jacob R. Owen, Capel Raiford, F. R. C. Ellis, James Dunwoody, Walter Knox, David Crenshaw, L. C. Peek, W. M. Conley. 18.

Ques. 19. What preachers have died during the past year?

Thomas C. Coleman, Reuben H. Luckey, James Spence. 3.

THOMAS CLARKE COLEMAN was born in Jefferson co., Ga., Feb. 8, 1794, and died in Houston co., Ga., July 25, 1875. Father Coleman was the youngest of five children, left a double orphan by the death of both of his

parents when only a few months of age. He was clearly and powerfully converted about the year 1810, at the first camp-meeting held at Rock Springs Camp-ground, in Putnam county, of this State. In 1821 he was happily married to Miss Artaxes Padgett, who taught him to read, and proved a devoted colaborer with him during twenty-three years of his subsequent life. In 1826 he was licensed by the Quarterly Conference of the Fayette Circuit to exercise his gifts as an exhorter. He was licensed to preach by the same Quarterly Conference in December, 1832. He labored faithfully as a local preacher and a supply until December, 1838, when he was admitted into the Georgia Conference. For about twenty years he traveled circuits and mission-fields in various parts of Georgia and Florida, until, worn with age and broken in health, he was forced to retire from the regular work. He lingered on "in age and feebleness extreme," for fifteen years or more, sorely afflicted in body much of the time, and yet strong in faith and rejoicing in hope, preaching when his strength would admit, and with that great fervor which was through life a marked peculiarity of his pulpit labors, until at length the Master's call admitted his aged servant to the rest and the rewards of heaven. It will be seen from the foregoing dates that Father Coleman was comparatively advanced in life when he entered upon the ministry; yet his name stands the sixth as to date of admission among the veterans of the Conference. Moreover, his religious character and ideas were formed and received their cast long before even that date, in the early years of the present century. In view of this fact, we should naturally expect to find in him, as we do, a Methodist preacher of the old school. He was indeed a true representative of those earnest, self-denying men of God who in the generation past were the pioneers of the cross in these lands; men who, as a class, filled the world with the fame of their achievements, and left a record behind which will never be forgotten; and yet who, as individuals, with few exceptions, must fade from the memory of men, and find immortality alone in heaven, where the righteous are in everlasting remembrance. Father Coleman enjoyed no early educational advantages, and, beginning to preach at an age when his mental habits had become fixed, he never acquired a capacity for sermonizing; yet he was a preacher of rare ability, if ability is to be measured by success. We are told by one who knew him from the beginning of his ministry, himself a veteran in the service, that few, if any, ever excelled him in the power of his exhortations and prayers, and that great success in winning souls to Christ attended his ministry. He was all aflame with holy zeal for the glory of Christ and the salvation of souls. He rarely preached that he did not close in a transport of religious joy and triumph, and then, exhorting sinners and encouraging mourners, he sought, with all the fervor of his ardent soul,

to realize the fruit of his labors. For three years previous to his death he was unable to preach at all—experiencing the last, and perhaps the greatest, trial of the true Christian patience and faith—being unfitted for the battle, and yet kept upon the field, in full view of the conflict, with a heart bleeding for the captives of sin, and burning to do battle for them and his Master's cause, and yet required to be still; and when he is forced to see that he can have no share with those who labor for his blessed Lord below, to long in vain to share with those who sing his praise above. But at last the Master's pleasure was fulfilled, and the end drew near. He said to a friend who stood by his bedside, "I am almost in heaven," and then peacefully passed away. His sun went down without a cloud; or, rather, went not down at all, but brightened upon his closing life until, in the blaze of its glories, earth and time melted out of view, and the weary pilgrim found himself in his Father's house above.

REUBEN H. LUCKEY was born in Greene co., Ga., Sept. 5, 1801, and died in Thomas co., Ga., May 19, 1875. He was converted in 1828, under the ministry of Dr. Lovick Pierce; joined the Georgia Conference in January, 1842; was sent to Talbotton Station one year; to Dahlonga Circuit one year; to Quincy Station, Florida Conference, one year; and to Quincy District four years. He was then made Principal of the Fletcher Institute, which position he held for nine years. Afterward he traveled the Monticello Circuit one year, and the Thomasville District two years. He then accepted the agency of the American Bible Society, and acted in that capacity until superannuated. Retiring then to his farm in Thomas county, he led a quiet and "peaceable life in all godliness and honesty" to the date of his death. Fidelity to the trusts committed to him characterized Brother Luckey in all his relations to the Church. Duty was his watch-word. Constrained by the love of Christ, he lived not unto himself, but unto Him who died for him and rose again. "He was a workman that needed not to be ashamed," studying to show himself approved of God, holding fast the form of sound words, rightly dividing the word of truth, demonstrating in his pulpit ministrations, as well as his daily walk, his intimate experimental acquaintance with Christ Jesus the Lord. Sincerity, integrity, untiring energy, and comprehensive, Christ-like charity, were the prominent elements of his character. He was a faithful friend, and a good neighbor, a useful citizen, a kind husband, an affectionate father, and was highly respected and beloved by all who knew him. He died the death of the righteous—"his end was peace." He was sick only a short time, and then not so as to excite any apprehension of his speedy death. Like a thief in the night the messenger came, but found him with his "loins girded about and his light burning." He left no dying message,

but he left what is far better, the testimony of nearly forty years of undeviating devotion to the truth. It is well with him, for he sleeps in Jesus.

JAMES SPENCE. We have made diligent inquiry, and can learn nothing of the early life and history of Brother Spence; and not even the time and place of his birth, or the advantages enjoyed by him in youth. He was a lawyer by profession, and in the exercise of his calling at the time of his conversion. He was awakened and converted in the town of Dawson, Ga., in the year 1865, under the ministry of the Rev. T. T. Christian. Brother Spence was licensed to preach in the year 1869; served the Swift Creek Mission in 1870; the Pulaski and Wilcox Mission in 1871; the Vienna Circuit in 1872 and 1873, and was sent to the Reidsville Circuit in 1874; during this year his health became so much impaired that he was obliged to abandon his work. At the last Conference he was superannuated, but his health continued to decline until April 23, 1875, when he passed away to his rest. He died of heart-disease, near Hawkinsville, Ga. As a Christian, Brother Spence was humble, earnest, consistent; as a minister, zealous, fervent, faithful. Entering the ministry at an advanced period in life, he did not acquire the character of a great sermonizer. Perhaps his style might generally be termed hortatory. Although his itinerant career was short, it was not too short to gain the confidence of the Church, and secure the approbation and seal of the Master; and also to enable him to die in the triumphs of the Christian faith. And while we have found no one who was present to report his last utterances as his soul was receding from these earthly shores, the meager facts of his ministerial life and death, ascertained by us, assure us that he has heard the Master's voice, saying, "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

Ques. 20. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?

Their names were called over, one by one, and their characters examined and passed.

Ques. 21. What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations, and missions of the Conference?

Savannah District.

	White Mem's.	Col'd Mem's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Savannah:			
Trinity.....	424	.....	3
Wesley.....	283	.....	.....
Springfield.....	498	.....	2
Sylvania.....	371	.....	3
Millen Mission.....	159	.....	1
Bethel.....	253	.....	1
Alexander.....	540	.....	2
Waynesboro.....	322	.....	.....
Bethany.....	444	.....	2
Louisville.....	555	.....	5
Sandersville.....	103	.....	.....

Savannah District (continued).

	White Mem's.	Col'd Mem's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Washington.....	302	.....	.....
Davisboro.....	501	.....	2
Gibson.....	297	.....	2
	5046	.....	23

Macon District.

Macon:			
Mulberry Street.....	476	.....	3
East Macon.....	95	.....	.....
First Street.....	322	.....	1
Macon Circuit.....	441	.....	3
Jones's Chapel.....	185	.....	.....
Irwinton.....	350	.....	2
Jeffersonville.....	243	.....	1
Ft. Valley and Marshallville.....	450	.....	5
Crawford and Mission.....	452	.....	3
Gordon.....	321	.....	3
Perry.....	184	.....	3
Hayneville.....	426	.....	1
Hawkinsville and Longstreet.....	128	.....	2
	4073	.....	27

Columbus District.

Columbus:			
St. Luke's.....	543	.....	2
St. Paul's.....	215	.....	1
Broad Street.....	189	.....	.....
Girard and Trinity.....	390	.....	.....
Cataula.....	356	.....	1
Hamilton.....	293	.....	4
Talbotton.....	230	.....	4
Talbot Circuit.....	651	.....	2
Geneva.....	317	.....	1
Butler.....	548	.....	4
Glenalta.....	231	.....	1
Cusseta.....	321	.....	.....
	4284	.....	20

Americus District.

Americus.....	446	4
Sumter.....	621	.....	7
Ellaville.....	401	.....	3
Oglethorpe.....	481	.....	7
Leesburg and Smithville.....	260	.....	6
Montezuma.....	130	.....	1
Vienna.....	713	.....	5
Cuthbert and Georgetown.....	247	.....	3
Weston.....	427	.....	3
Stewart.....	351	.....	2
Buena Vista.....	507	.....	5
Lumpkin.....	159	.....	2
	4743	.....	48

Dawson District.

Dawson.....	279	4
Terrell.....	438	.....	5
Calhoun Mission.....	130	.....	1
Fort Gaines and Blakely.....	216	.....	4
Cedar Springs Mission.....	110	.....	.....
Arlington.....	252	.....	1
Spring Creek Mission.....	75	.....	.....
Bainbridge.....	150	.....	1
Trinity.....	157	.....	.....
Decatur.....	296	.....	2
Cairo.....	356	.....	3
Camilla and Newton.....	235	.....	1
Albany and Mission.....	81	.....	1
Harmony.....	60	.....	.....
Worth Mission.....	208	.....	4
Spring Vale.....	320	.....	2
Ocklockonee.....	103	.....	.....
Rocky Mount.....	153	.....	1
	3619	.....	30

Thomasville District.

	White Mem's.	Col'd Mem's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Thomasville.....	236		3
Spring Hill.....	140		2
Boston.....	231		1
Quitman.....	125		7
Morven and Nashville.....	490		3
Moultrie.....	161		5
Valdosta.....	130		1
Lowndes and Echols.....	228		
Stockton.....	111		2
Blackshear and Waycross.....	118		1
Jessup.....	150		1
Wayne Mission.....	63		1
St. Mary's and Mt. Zion.....	111		
Charlton.....	90		2
Camden.....	140		
Brunswick and Mission.....	190		2
Darien.....	46		
Hinesville.....	386		7
Jonesville.....	80		
Ocapileo.....	106		
	3332		38

Altamaha District.

Dublin.....	299		
Laurens Mission.....	259		2
Wrightsville.....	420		6
Eastman Mission.....	112		
Swainsboro.....	427		6
Reidsville.....	419		2
Bryan Mission.....	90		
Montgomery.....	413		3
Pendleton Creek Mission.....	212		2
Telfair.....	356		2
Holmesville.....	258		2
Ocmulgee and W. Mission.....	261		1
South Coffee Mission.....	180		
Wareboro.....	324		6
Bulloch Mission.....	104		2
Pulaski and Wilcox Mission.....	73		1
	4207		35

Recapitulation.

Savannah District.....	5046		23
Macon.....	4073		27
Columbus.....	4284		20
Americus.....	4743		48
Dawson.....	3619		30
Thomasville.....	3332		38
Altamaha.....	4207		35
Total this year.....	29,304		221
Total last year.....	27,502		214
Increase.....	1802		7

Ques. 22. How many infants have been baptized during the year?
838.

Ques. 23. How many adults have been baptized during the year?
3689.

Ques. 24. What is the number of Sunday-schools?
310.

Ques. 25. What is the number of Sunday-school teachers?
1921.

Ques. 26. What is the number of Sunday-school scholars?
12,332.

Ques. 27. What amount is necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers?
\$6,200.

Ques. 28. What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied?

Collected, \$3,859 02. Applied to claimants.

Ques. 29. What has been contributed for missions?

Domestic Missions, \$4,888 45
Foreign Missions, 2,386 83

\$7,275 28

Ques. 30. Where shall the next session of the Conference be held?

At Sandersville, Ga.

Ques. 31. Where are the preachers stationed this year?

SAVANNAH DISTRICT.

G. G. N. MacDonell, P. E.

Savannah:

{ Trinity, E. H. Myers.
{ Wesley Church and Mission, A. M. Wynn.
Springfield, J. S. Jordan.
Sylvania, J. D. Maulden.
Scarboro, S. N. Tucker.
Bethel, R. B. Bryan.
Alexander, N. D. Morehouse.
Waynesboro, F. A. Branch.
Bethany, B. F. Breedlove.
Louisville, E. J. Burch.
Sandersville, J. D. Anthony.
Washington, T. I. Nease.
Davisboro, J. B. Culpepper.
Gibson, to be supplied.

MACON DISTRICT.

J. O. A. Clark, P. E.

Macon:

Mulberry Street, Arminius Wright.
Jones's Chapel Mission, W. M. D. Bond.
{ First Street, S. D. Clements.
{ East Macon, S. S. Sweet.
Macon Circuit, William C. Lovett.
Irwinton, T. A. Griffiths.
Jeffersonville, W. J. Green.
Gordon, to be supplied.
Hawkinsville, D. R. McWilliams.
Haynesville, R. L. Wiggins.
Perry, S. Anthony.
Fort Valley and Marshalville, R. B. Lester.
Crawford, C. J. Toole.
Orphans' Home, J. B. Wardlaw, Superintendent.
Assistant Editor of *Southern Christian Advocate*, J. W. Burke.
Wesleyan Female College, W. C. Bass, President; C. W. Smith, H. W. Key, Professors.
Emory College, O. L. Smith, Professor.

COLUMBUS DISTRICT.

J. B. McGehee, P. E.

Columbus:

St. Luke's, R. J. Corley.
St. Paul's, J. S. Key.
{ Broad Street and Mission, J. V. M. Morris,
W. H. Johnson.
{ Girard and Trinity Mission, J. P. Wardlaw.

Cataula, L. G. R. Wiggins.
 Hamilton, G. S. Johnson.
 Talbotton, G. E. Clarke.
 Talbot, W. W. Stewart, J. W. Weston.
 Geneva, Don Q. Abbott.
 Butler, W. F. Robison.
 Glenalta, W. F. Lloyd.
 Cusseta, G. T. Embry.
 Buena Vista, E. J. Rentz.
 Conference Missionary, L. Pierce.
 Orphans' Home, L. B. Payne, Agent.

AMERICUS DISTRICT.

J. W. Hinton, P. E.

Americus, T. T. Christian.
 Magnolia Springs, J. R. Littlejohn.
 Bethel, to be supplied.
 Ellaville, W. W. Tidwell, R. F. Williamson, Sup.
 Oglethorpe, J. M. Potter,
 Montezuma, H. R. Felder.
 Vienna, J. W. Domingos and L. A. Snow.
 { Dawson and Smithville, W. Lewis.
 { Leesburg, to be supplied.
 { Terrell, J. A. Rosser.
 { Calhoun, R. M. Booth.
 Weston, R. F. Evans.
 Stewart, P. H. Crumpler.
 Lumpkin, A. J. Dean.
 Cuthbert and Georgetown, R. W. Dixon.
 Spring Vale, P. C. Harris.

THOMASVILLE DISTRICT.

E. A. H. McGehee, P. E.

Thomasville, J. O. A. Cook.
 { Fort Gaines and Blakely, P. S. Twitty, S. B.
 { Weaver, Sup.
 { Cedar Spring Mission, to be supplied.
 Arlington, A. P. Wright.
 Albany and Mission, R. L. Honiker.
 { Camilla and Newton, T. K. Leonard.
 { Branchville Mission, S. W. Stubbs.
 { Cairo, J. T. Ainsworth.
 { Ocklockonee Mission, to be supplied.
 Bainbridge, R. M. Lockwood.
 Decatur, W. Lane.
 Trinity, C. E. Boland.
 Spring Hill, L. A. Darsey.
 Boston, G. J. Griffiths.
 { Quitman and Valdosta, J. M. Austin.
 { Ocapilco Mission, to be supplied.

Morven, I. F. Carey.
 Lowndes and Echo's Mission, N. B. Ousley.

BRUNSWICK DISTRICT.

W. M. Hays, P. E.

{ Brunswick, J. W. Simmons.
 { Camden Mission, T. Armistead.
 St. Mary's, B. W. Key.
 Charlton, to be supplied.
 Darien, to be supplied.
 { Jonesville Mission, to be supplied.
 { Hinesville and Mission, J. M. Marshall.
 { Jessup, J. L. Williams.
 { Wayne Mission, to be supplied.
 { Blackshear and Wayercross, G. C. Thompson.
 { Stockton Mission, to be supplied.
 Nashville, to be supplied.
 Moultrie Mission, C. D. Adams.
 { Waresboro, D. G. Pope.
 { South Coffee Mission, U. W. Norton.
 Worth, W. E. Shepard.
 Alaphaha Mission, to be supplied.

DUBLIN DISTRICT.

J. E. Sentell, P. E.

{ Dublin, A. M. Williams.
 { Laurens Mission, W. F. Bearden.
 Eastman Mission, J. E. Rorie.
 Telfair, W. M. C. Conley.
 Ocmulgee, H. C. Fentress.
 Spring Hill and Mission, W. F. Roberts.
 Mt. Vernon and Mission, C. C. Hines.
 Reidsville, J. J. Giles.
 Bryan Mission, to be supplied.
 Bullock Mission, to be supplied.
 Swainsboro, C. A. Moore.
 Wrightsville, W. J. Flanders.
 Appling, D. Blalock.
 Wilcox Mission, to be supplied.

H. W. Leslie transferred to Holston Conference.

J. O. Branch transferred to Pacific Conference.

R. W. Rogers, J. J. Morgan, transferred to North Georgia Conference.

W. M. Watts transferred to Florida Conference.

J. Anderson transferred to White River Conference.

IX.—FLORIDA CONFERENCE.

HELD AT QUINCY, FLA., *January 5-9, 1876.*BISHOP WIGHTMAN, *President*; F. PASCO, *Secretary*.

QUESTION 1. Who are admitted on trial?

ANSWER. Hardy F. Phillips, George W. Mitchell. 2.

Ques. 2. Who remain on trial?

Jas. A. Casteel, Overton W. Ransom. 2.

Ques. 3. Who are discontinued?

Wm. F. Robertson. 1.

Ques. 4. Who are admitted into full connection?

Chas. E. Dowman, Andrew A. Barnett, Wm. H. F. Robards, Robert Martin, Thos. J. Phillips, McKendree F. McCook. 6.

Ques. 5. Who are readmitted?

Wm. G. Booth. 1.

Ques. 6. Who are received by transfer from other Conferences?

Henry B. Frazee, Wm. C. Collins, John H. Johnson, Wilbur F. Norton, Wm. M. Watts. 5.

Ques. 7. Who are the deacons of one year?

R. M. Ellzey, Junius S. Collier, Julius D. Rogers, R. D. Gentry. 4.

Ques. 8. What traveling preachers are elected deacons?

Robt. Martin, A. A. Barnett, Wm. H. F. Robards, McKendree F. McCook. 4.

Ques. 9. What traveling preachers are ordained deacons?

Robt. Martin, A. A. Barnett, Wm. H. F. Robards, McKendree F. McCook. 4.

Ques. 10. What local preachers are elected deacons?

Robt. J. Bradley. 1.

Ques. 11. What local preachers are ordained deacons?

None.

Ques. 12. What traveling preachers are elected elders?

None.

Ques. 13. What traveling preachers are ordained elders?

None.

Ques. 14. What local preachers are elected elders?

Jacob E. Dodd. 1.

Ques. 15. What local preachers are ordained elders?

None.

Ques. 16. Who are located this year?

C. D. Nicholson, Wm. Watkin Hicks. 2.

Ques. 17. Who are supernumerary?

S. W. Carson. 1.

Ques. 18. Who are superannuated?

Jas. A. Wiggins, I. Munden, G. W. Fagg, J. Penny, Sterling Gardner, Edward F. Gates, Wm. E. Collier, A. Johnson. 8.

Ques. 19. What preachers have died during the past year?

J. M. Stokes, S. A. McCook, J. E. A. Van Duzer. 3.

JAMES M. STOKES was born in Livingstone Parish, La., Dec. 22, 1832, and died of consumption, at Live Oak, Fla., April 19, 1875. His end was peace. When he was twelve or fourteen years of age his mother died, and he was thenceforth thrown out into the world "to work his way as best he could." Being without parental restraint, and, falling in with vicious associates, it is not surprising that he grew in wickedness as he grew in years. But the good influence of his sainted mother, and especially the knowledge of the fact that she had lived and died praying for him, served to quicken conscience, and arm it with reproofing power. He was converted in Glennville, Ala., Dec., 1858. He never doubted the reality of his conversion. Shortly after this he felt called to preach the gospel. With the call came a profound sense of unworthiness, and of incompetency for the ministerial vocation. He nevertheless hesitated not, but followed at once the behests of duty and the openings of providence. He took up his residence for a time in Lumpkin, Stewart co., Ga., and gave himself to the study of theology under the direction of the Rev. G. G. N. MacDonell, who was then in that field. Here he was licensed, to preach Dec. 19, 1859, and immediately entered upon the active work of the ministry. In 1860 he removed to Burke co., Ga., where with tireless energy and zeal he worked for the Master, teaching school and preaching the word. As a local preacher, his example was worthy of all commendation. He was ever a cheerful and hearty colaborer with the regular pastors. During the gracious revivals which the Churches experienced in Burke, 1860, Brother Stokes was notably efficient. Possessing no especial endowments in the way of learning, genius, or eloquence, he nevertheless "had power with God," and thereby prevailed with men. A frail constitution, enfeebled by disease, and his voice weak, at the best, and often

tremulous from physical prostration, the effectiveness of his preaching was a matter of astonishment to many. Plain, simple, earnest, and scriptural, his hearers were apt to lose sight of their preacher and think only of their duties and their relations to God and eternity. He was singly intent upon doing good, saving souls, and God placed upon him the honor and reward of success. At the beginning of the late civil war he joined the third regiment Georgia Volunteers, and served with fidelity in the ranks fourteen months. He was then appointed chaplain. In this capacity he was remarkably blessed and useful. His religious character had been thoroughly tested amid the peculiar hardships, temptations, and perils of the march, the camp, and the battle-field, so that the soldiers, "taking knowledge of him," came to look upon him with unquestioning confidence, as a man to be trusted—a man of God. His health failed in 1864, and in the month of July he resigned the chaplaincy and returned to Burke. As soon as the state of his health would permit, he resumed school-teaching and preaching. In Nov., 1865, he was admitted on trial into the Georgia Conference, and appointed to the Sylvania Circuit. He labored on this work with acceptability and usefulness until April, 1868, when, on account of ill health, he was compelled to take rest, and was advised to seek recuperation in a change of climate. Accordingly he removed West, and was regularly transferred to the Missouri Conference, but was not able to take work until the winter of 1869, when he was appointed to Rushville Circuit. The year spent on this circuit he regarded as one of the happiest and most useful of his ministerial life, and often spoke of it with devout satisfaction. In the autumn his old pulmonary affection returned upon him with prostrating violence, and it seemed evident that he must return South if he would still live and labor. Of the Missouri brethren he thus speaks: "My health was so feeble as to compel me, reluctantly, to leave a band of brethren, both clerical and lay, whose noble Christian bearing toward me gave them a place in my heart which they will ever occupy." He was transferred to the Florida Conference in 1871, and appointed to Newnansville. In 1872 he was assigned to Madison, where his health finally and hopelessly gave way. He was for many years a great sufferer. Ill health, poverty, parental solicitude for a dependent group of children, all weighed upon him, but "he endured as seeing Him who is invisible." His faith never failed, and hope and joy abounded in Christ Jesus. His end was peace. He has left a devoted wife and six bright, promising children. These he has bequeathed to the care and guardianship of the Church. Will the Church see to it that our bereaved sister has a home, and her children a suitable education?

SAMUEL A. MCCOOK was born in Randolph co., Ga., April 23, 1824, and died July 7, 1875. When about fifteen years of age he was hap-

pily converted, and united with the Church. In the vigor of early manhood he gave himself to the ministry, and in 1852 was received into the Florida Conference. From this period until the close of 1861 he was engaged in the regular itinerant work. We regret that the loss of our Conference records prevents us from tracing this honored and beloved brother through these nine years of ministerial labor and usefulness. Those, however, to whom he ministered, and the members of the Conference with whom he was intimately associated, bear testimony to his zeal, fidelity, and efficiency as a worker in the vineyard of the Lord. In the winter of 1861 he found himself so situated, in the providence of God, as to render location a duty. For seven years he sustained this relation, during which time he was active and diligent, preaching the word as he had opportunity. In 1869 he was readmitted a member of the Conference, and served on the following appointments, in the order in which we state them: Bethel Circuit, Crawford Circuit, and Sumter Circuit. During the latter part of his first year on Sumter Circuit he was attacked with bronchial affection; but it was hoped that he would still be able to remain on the effective list. Reappointed to the Sumter Circuit the following year, his health gradually failed, so that by the time of the meeting of the Annual Conference he was utterly disabled, and consequently was placed upon the list of superannuates. Brother Eady, who visited him frequently during his illness, says: "In 1874 pulmonary consumption began to waste his vital forces. He gradually declined in strength, though he suffered but little pain. I had several conversations with him in reference to death. He was always calm and confident, believed he was prepared, and even anticipated the event with joy. His faith seemed never to waver, and he endured his afflictions with full resignation to the divine will." At the last, amid the cold obstructions of death, he turned to a friend and, with holy rapture, quoted from the chorus of one of his favorite hymns, "I'll soon be over there;" and so, doubtless, he is now "over there."

JOSEPH E. A. VAN DUZER was born in the city of New York, Sept. 14, 1852, and died of typho-malarial fever June 7, 1875, after an illness of seven days. Of his early history we have been able to gather only a few facts. When but an infant his mother died, and his father leading a wandering, unsettled life, he was placed under the guardianship of his grandmother, by whom he was carefully and tenderly reared in "the nurture and admonition of the Lord." He received a fair academic education, and, in addition, a good commercial training, so that, by the time he was eighteen years of age, he was remarkably well fitted for an entrance upon that mercantile life which had been the dream of his childhood. His good moral character, steady habits, promptness and facility in the transaction of business, combined to secure him an advantageous and

lucrative position. About this period he was married, but his wife survived only about twelve months. Sorrow and close application to business were too great a strain upon his feeble physical constitution, and his health soon gave way. Accordingly he came to Florida as agent for some property interests in the neighborhood of Tallahassee. His health improved, but did not become firm. It was here, under the ministry of the Rev. Dr. Anderson, that the convictions and pious yearnings of his early years were renewed, and he "gave himself to God in an everlasting covenant." He was licensed to preach at Tallahassee, Nov. 15, 1873, and recommended to the Florida Conference. At the ensuing annual session he was admitted, and appointed to the Cuban Mission, Key West. He accepted the appointment with the determination to devote his life, be it long or short, to the Cuban work. Young, inexperienced, and as to systematic theology and methods of preaching having almost every thing to learn, it is not surprising that he was sometimes despondent. His seasons of despondency were, however, of short duration. Rallying his will-power, and throwing himself upon simple trust in God, he prosecuted his studies in theology and the Spanish language with constancy and diligence. He repeatedly remarked, in the most hopeful way, "Brother, by the time I shall have learned how to preach I shall be able to preach to the Cubans in their own language." Reappointed to the Cuban Mission at the last Conference, he was eager to get to the post of duty and resume his studies and labors. At the beginning of the year he consecrated himself anew to God and the mission-work. His desire to win souls became intense—consuming. He labored beyond his power of endurance, and fell a victim to a malignant fever at the beginning of the sickly season. He did not live to see a single Cuban converted or added to the Church, but he firmly believed that the good seed that had been sown, in the way of Bibles and tracts distributed among them, would some day, if followed up by suitable Christian effort, bring forth a glorious harvest. Hence, when he knew he was dying, and within thirty minutes of his last breath, he said, "Don't let the Church give up the Cuban Mission." His end was peace. To the brethren of the Conference he sent this simple message: "Say to the brethren, I have met them only twice in Conference, but I love them all. We will meet in heaven."

Ques. 20. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?

Their names were called over, one by one, and their characters examined and passed.

Ques. 21. What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations, and missions of the Conference?

Tallahassee District.

	White Mem's.	Col'd Mem's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Tallahassee Station.....	174		
Leon Circuit.....	154		

Tallahassee District (continued).

	White Mem's.	Col'd Mem's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Crawfordville Circuit.....	212	1	2
Waukeenah Circuit.....	219		4
Monticello Station.....	128		
Quincy Station.....	99		1
Ocklockonee Mission.....	89		1
Gadsden Circuit.....	150		
Liberty Circuit.....	113	9	3
Little River Circuit.....	160		1
Union Circuit.....	247		1
Aucilla Mission.....	118		1
Apalachicola Mission.....	113		1
	1976	10	15

Live Oak District.

Live Oak Circuit.....	235		1
Welborn Circuit.....	489		9
Hamilton Circuit.....	243		3
Lake City Station.....	124		
Columbia Circuit.....	458		2
Newnansville Circuit.....	170		1
Lake Butler Circuit.....	175		5
Bronson Circuit.....	201		5
Madison Circuit.....	603		
Taylor Mission.....	75		2
La Fayette Mission.....	161	1	1
Benton Mission.....	50		
St. Mary's Mission.....	33		1
	3017	1	30

Jacksonville District.

Jacksonville Station.....	174		1
La Villa Station.....	65		1
Fernandina.....	41		
Palatka and Mandarin Mission.....	97		4
Mellonville Station.....	54		
Middleburg Mission.....	40		2
Fruitland Mission.....	128		3
Nassau Mission.....	130	2	1
Ocala Circuit.....	124	1	1
Ocklawaha Circuit.....	160		1
Orange Circuit.....	316	6	5
Micanopy and Gainesville Circuit.....	131		1
Waldo Circuit.....	233		3
Indian River Mission.....	18		
	1711	9	23

Tampa District.

Tampa Station.....	43		1
Key West:			
First Charge.....	254		
Spark's Chapel.....	193		
Alafia Circuit.....	150		5
Manatee Station.....	54		3
Bartow Circuit.....	219		2
Pease Creek Circuit.....	147		4
Fort Myers Circuit.....	35		1
Clear Water Circuit.....	222		4
Brooksville Circuit.....	200		4
Crystal River Circuit.....	150		1
Sumter Circuit.....	281		4
Withlacoochee Circuit.....			
	2001		29

Recapitulation.

Tallahassee District.....	1976	10	15
Live Oak.....	3017	1	30
Jacksonville.....	1711	9	23
Tampa.....	2601		29
Total this year.....	8705	20	97
Total last year.....	8239	9	88
Increase.....	466	11	9

Ques. 22. How many infants have been baptized during the year?
648.

Ques. 23. How many adults have been baptized during the year?

438.

Ques. 24. What is the number of Sunday-schools?

117.

Ques. 25. What is the number of Sunday-school teachers?

627.

Ques. 26. What is the number of Sunday-school scholars?

3593.

Ques. 27. What amount is necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers?

\$3,000.

Ques. 28. What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied?

Collected,	\$969 43
Applied as follows:	
Sister Capers,	100 00
Sister Glover,	42 50
Sister Rhodes,	34 00
Sister Davis,	51 00
Sister R. I. McCook,	34 00
Sister S. A. McCook,	77 28
Sister Kennedy,	42 50
Sister Richards,	34 00
Sister Woldrige,	51 00
Sister Stokes,	119 00
Brother Penny,	44 00
Brother Munden,	170 00
Brother Jas. A. Wiggins,	34 00
Brother A. Johnson,	119 00
Brother H. Smith's child,	17 00
Envelopes,	15
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	\$969 43

Ques. 29. What has been contributed for missions?

Domestic Missions,	\$1,113 42
Foreign Missions,	413 19
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	\$1,526 61

Ques. 30. Where shall the next session of the Conference be held?

At Monticello, Fla.

Ques. 31. Where are the preachers stationed this year?

JACKSONVILLE DISTRICT.

F. Pasco, P. E.

- { Jacksonville, H. B. Frazee.
- { La Villa, to be supplied (by G. W. Swift).
- { Fernandina, to be supplied (by U. S. Bird).
- { Nassau Mission, W. Davies.
- Mandarin, to be supplied (by J. Glenn).
- Green Cove, T. W. Moore.
- Palatka, M. F. Cook.
- Mellonville, J. H. Johnson.
- Middleburg, J. S. Collier.
- { Fruitland, D. W. Core.
- { St. Augustine Mission, to be supplied.
- Ocklawaha, T. W. Tomkies.

Orange, O. W. Ransom.

Cross Prairie Mission, to be supplied (by J. D. Sansberry).

Fort Mason, to be supplied (by A. Holcomb).

Micanopy, R. H. Barnett.

Gainesville, H. F. Phillips.

Waldo, R. D. Gentry.

Indian River Mission, A. A. Barnett.

Orange Lake Mission, J. C. Lay.

Ocala, G. C. Leavel.

TALLAHASSEE DISTRICT.

S. Woodberry, P. E.

Tallahassee, J. B. Fitzpatrick.

Leon, E. L. T. Blake.

Crawfordville, W. C. Collins.

Ocklockonee Mission, to be supplied.

Gadsden, W. F. Norton.

Liberty, to be supplied (by W. Taylor).

Quincy, C. E. Dowman.

Little River, T. J. Phillips.

Monticello, J. T. De Pass.

Waukeena, R. H. Howren.

Union, W. G. Booth.

Apalachicola Mission, to be supplied (by Isaac A. Towers).

LIVE OAK DISTRICT.

A. Peeler, P. E.

Live Oak, M. Michan.

Welborn, E. J. Knight.

Jasper, J. M. Hendry.

Lake City, H. E. Partridge.

Columbia, S. E. Phillips.

Newnansville, J. J. Seally.

Bronson, E. B. Duncan.

Madison, E. S. Tyner.

Moseley Hall Mission, W. M. Watts.

La Fayette, W. Williams.

Benton Mission, T. R. Barnett.

Lake Butler, R. M. Ellzey.

St. Mary's, to be supplied (by W. O. Hampton).

TAMPA DISTRICT.

A. A. Robinson, P. E.

Tampa, J. A. Casteel.

Key West:

First Charge, C. A. Fulwood.

Spark's Chapel, W. R. Johnson.

Cuban Mission, C. A. Fulwood, Superintendent.

Alafia, E. H. Giles.

Manatee, W. H. Robards.

Manatee Mission, to be supplied (by G. Collins).

Bartow, W. C. Jordan, S. W. Carson, Sup.

Pease Creek, G. W. Mitchell.

Fort Myers, R. Martin.

Clear Water, to be supplied (by J. W. Wells).

Brooksville, J. D. Rogers.

Crystal River, to be supplied (by E. A. Tucker).

Sumter, O. Eady.

Withlacoochee, to be supplied.

J. Anderson transferred to South Georgia Conference.

X.—ALABAMA CONFERENCE.

HELD AT GREENVILLE, ALA., December 8-14, 1875.

BISHOP MARVIN, *President*; R. B. CRAWFORD, *Secretary*.

QUESTION 1. Who are admitted on trial?

ANSWER. Gilbert M. Roper, James B. Anderson, Joseph C. Johnston, Bascom C. Glenn, Walter P. Dickinson, Orion S. Perry, John W. Clark, Howell M. Moss, John R. Peavey, W. H. Hasty. 10.

Ques. 2. Who remain on trial?

John O. Keener, Richard S. Holcombe, Christopher H. Kelley, James M. Crews, Ritchie J. Briggs, Miles M. Dawson, Francis M. Peterson, John P. Sanders, James S. Rencher, Robert J. Walker, Andrew J. Lamar, William D. Owens. 12.

Ques. 3. Who are discontinued?

None.

Ques. 4. Who are admitted into full connection?

Ransom A. Miears, Preston G. Nash, Leander C. Calhoun, G. Waverly Briggs, William A. Rice, John A. Green, Thomas Y. Abernathy, Joshua S. Peavey. 8.

Ques. 5. Who are readmitted?

Charles S. Hurt. 1.

Ques. 6. Who are received by transfer from other Conferences?

Josiah Bancroft, Charles S. Hopkins. 2.

Ques. 7. Who are the deacons of one year?

Philip H. Lightfoot, Charles R. Williamson, Emmett W. Solomon, Philip H. Moss, James L. Mathison, T. C. M. Golland, John M. Brown. 7.

Ques. 8. What traveling preachers are elected deacons?

Ransom A. Miears, Preston G. Nash, Leander C. Calhoun, G. Waverly Briggs, William A. Rice, John A. Green, Thomas Y. Abernathy, Joshua S. Peavey. 8.

Ques. 9. What traveling preachers are ordained deacons?

Ransom A. Miears, Preston G. Nash, Leander C. Calhoun, G. Waverly Briggs, William A. Rice, John A. Green, Joshua S. Peavey. 7.

Ques. 10. What local preachers are elected deacons?

Philip Burkett, James P. Lunsford, James S. Rencher, William A. Suddith, Levi Daily, Edward G. Price, J. L. Smiley, Josiah C. Crook, Wm. J. Tiller, David B. Godwin. 10.

Ques. 11. What local preachers are ordained deacons?

James P. Lunsford, James S. Rencher, William A. Suddith, David B. Godwin, William J. Tiller, Edward G. Price, George W. Fagan, William M. Pritchett, Philip Burkett. 9.

Ques. 12. What traveling preachers are elected elders?

Joseph H. James, James O. Andrew, John A. Peterson, David S. Standly, William S. Wade, Asbury C. Hundley. 6.

Ques. 13. What traveling preachers are ordained elders?

Joseph H. James, James O. Andrew, John A. Peterson, David S. Standly, William S. Wade, Asbury C. Hundley. 6.

Ques. 14. What local preachers are elected elders?

James M. Crews. 1.

Ques. 15. What local preachers are ordained elders?

James M. Crews, Dunstan M. Banks. 2.

Ques. 16. Who are located this year?

George Bancroft, A. M. L. Douglas, at their own request. 2.

Ques. 17. Who are supernumerary?

J. H. Lockhart, W. H. Morris, W. B. Adams. 3.

Ques. 18. Who are superannuated?

Z. Dowling, T. S. Abernathy, H. J. Hunter, E. W. Story, J. T. Talley, J. W. Jordan, I. I. Tatum, J. T. Roper, Charles Strider, T. L. B. Shaver. 10.

Ques. 19. What preachers have died during the past year?

R. F. Perdue, J. Scaife, Wm. C. Robinson, Eugene V. Levert, Jefferson Hamilton. 5.

RILEY F. PERDUE was born in Baldwin co., Ga., Jan. 1, 1809; moved to Lowndes co., Ala., when a youth. His literary advantages were meager, having had only such tuition as was then given in the common schools. He was converted to God on Saturday night before the third Sunday in August, 1838, and the next day united with the Methodist Protestant Church. According to the good custom of those days, he was tried and found faithful and useful, first as a class-leader, and then as an exhorter until 1840, when he was licensed to preach. In 1849 he was received into the traveling connection of the Methodist

Protestant Church, and was a faithful laborer in that body until 1869, when he was received into the Montgomery Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and was appointed supernumerary preacher on what was then called Autauga Circuit. Here he filled five regular appointments, and his labors were greatly blessed. In 1871 he was appointed to Elmore Circuit. Here he made full proof of his ministry, insomuch that about one hundred were added to his Church. In 1872 he filled St. Stephen's and Washington Mission; in 1873-4-5 he was again on Elmore Circuit. In 1874 some of his members wandered off into the popular sins of the day. Mildly, kindly, and in the fear of God, he proceeded to the administration of discipline. About twenty were expelled. At the next Quarterly Conference, as the result of faithful exercise of discipline and preaching, he reported ninety-three additions to the Church. The good accomplished is but faintly indicated in these additional numbers. The moral *status* was raised, so that those who remained and those who were added to the Church were assured that these evils would not be tolerated. He returned from the Conference held at Opelika, last December, with a severe cold, but in a few days recovered partially, so as to enter upon his work with his accustomed zeal and energy. He preached at Pleasant Grove on the third Sunday of February, and reached home on Monday evening, the twenty-second, complaining of being unwell, but kept up till Thursday, the twenty-eighth, when he was confined to his bed with pneumonia. His sufferings were very great until the morning of March 10, when he died in peace. He expressed entire willingness, even desire, to depart and be with Jesus. He declared, as did Paul: "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith." He was satisfied he would die from the first, and after attending to some necessary business he dismissed all worldly thoughts from his mind. Nothing seemed to trouble him except that the congregations on his circuit were being disappointed. Thus, with nothing but the Church and heaven in his thoughts, he fell asleep in Jesus.

JEMISON SCAIFE died at Camilla, Ga., during the month of April, 1875, in his 67th year. He began his career as a Christian minister, in early life, in the Georgia Conference. The portion of the work which he served yielded him a meager support for himself and family, and after struggling with many difficulties and trials, he felt it to be his duty to ask a location. As soon as he retired from the active duties of the itinerancy he went into business. He entered upon his new sphere in life with earnestness and skill. The Lord prospered him, and in a few years he acquired enough of this world's goods to place himself and those dependent upon him above want. When his necessities had been relieved, and Providence had blessed him with a competency,

he reëntered the itinerant field, and devoted himself once more to the work of his Lord. He again joined the Georgia Conference, with the intention of giving himself wholly to the Christian ministry. During the year 1866, he was transferred to the Montgomery Conference, and received his first appointment in our bounds, at the session held in Jacksonville. By the late arrangement of our work, effected at the General Conference held in Memphis, Tenn., he fell within the limits of the Alabama Conference, of which he continued an efficient member until its last session, which was held in Opelika. In view of his failing health, he was granted a superannuated relation. Rest and quietude did not restore his wasted strength and give back to him his usual vigor, as his brethren had fondly hoped. As the spring opened he grew worse, and breathed his last just as the fields and forests were putting on their suits of green, furnishing to his devout mind a beautiful prophecy, pointing to the glorious transformation that awaited him in the realm of life and peace above. He was ready to depart and be with Christ. His lamp was trimmed and his light burning, and he bade farewell to the Church militant, in full hope of entering the Church triumphant in heaven. He was a good preacher, a faithful pastor, and a useful minister of Jesus Christ.

WILLIAM C. ROBINSON died in Texas, April 16, 1875, having lived more than three-score years. He was born in Washington co., Ga., Nov. 2, 1802. On Aug. 29, 1820, he was converted, and on the tenth of the following September joined the Methodist Church. During the year 1821 or 1822 he married Henrietta A. Maddox. Soon after his conversion he was appointed class-leader and exhorter. Having settled in Putnam co., Ga., he was licensed to preach in 1826. In 1835 he was ordained deacon, and elder in 1839. As a local preacher he was very laborious and useful, having regular appointments every Sabbath. In 1836 he settled in the eastern part of Alabama. At that time that section was mostly a wilderness, as the Indians had just been removed to the West. As it was a most beautiful and inviting country, situated between Georgia and what was called Old Alabama, it was settled with unusual rapidity. Brother Robinson being among the first on the ground, was impressed that he ought to exert all his strength to meet the coming tide, and mold the heterogeneous elements into a beautiful and symmetrical Christian community. Hence, though verging upon the meridian of life, and with an expensive family, he determined to give himself entirely to the work of the ministry. The Alabama Conference needed laborers, for it had not then attained to any thing like the proportions of after years. His first appointment was for the year 1838. His first work was the La Fayette Circuit, which he filled two consecutive years. Quiet, easy, and dignified in his bearing, devoted to his ministry, consistent in life,

and managing the affairs of the Church with judgment, he contributed no little toward establishing the enlightened moral and religious tone which has ever since characterized the people of that part of the State. In 1840 he was on Tuskegee Circuit, and during 1841-2 was on the Glennville Circuit. For five years following he served negro missions, at that time no mean part of the itinerant work in Alabama. Having lost his wife, he married a lady in Texas, which caused his location and removal to that State. Some years afterward, having returned to Alabama, he reentered his old Conference at the session held at Macon, Miss., December, 1858, and from that time till December, 1872, was effective, filling acceptably many circuits and missions, among them Elba, Geneva, Clayton, Campbellton, and Mount Ida. At the Conference held in Eufula, December, 1872, he was superannuated. He was in the itinerant work a quarter of a century, and served the Church as a local preacher nearly as long. He had his trials, and some that were peculiarly heavy, but the spirit of meekness and trust with which he entered into the itinerant work never forsook him. He came out of the flames without the smell of fire upon his garments. He was a sincere, uncomplaining Christian minister. We are not astonished to learn that his end was more than peaceful—it was a grand triumph. At the prospect of release from protracted and painful sufferings, and in full view of his crown, his feelings found expression in loud shouts of exultation and praise. After he was superannuated he went to live with his son-in-law, Nelson Waters, in Cass co., Texas, at whose house he died. The Rev. J. J. Davis, of the North Texas Conference, knew him intimately, and was with him frequently during his seventeen weeks' illness of dropsy of the heart. He writes that no murmur escaped the lips of the dying saint, though at times he prayed for an early release from his excruciating sufferings, if God so willed. A short time before he died he said to Brother Davis: "I have to-day been trying to retrospect my life closely, as I know I cannot live long, and to test my feelings in regard to my past conduct. I am conscious of no intentional wrong, but of a purpose, all through life, of trying to do the best I could, and I feel that I have lived up to that purpose. I have nothing to regret. I have a conscience void of offense toward God and man." How few, in such a retrospect, in the immediate presence of death, can find nothing to regret! He greatly desired to meet his old comrades of the Alabama Conference once more, and said: "Say to them, 'All is well; you are very near my heart.'" He closed his own eyes, and with a shout of praise and triumph passed over the dark river to the bright shores beyond.

EUGENE V. LEVERT died in Marion, Ala., April 19, 1875. He was born in King William co., Va., Oct. 20, 1795. His father, Dr. Claudius Levert, was a Frenchman by birth,

and came to America as flag-sergeant to De Rochambeau's army. He afterward entered upon the practice of medicine, but died in the prime of life, leaving a wife and seven children. On Sept. 13, 1819, the subject of this sketch was happily converted to God, and immediately after this occurrence joined the Methodist Church. Soon after experiencing a change so wonderful, he felt called of God to the work of the ministry; and, though a very timid man, he debated the matter only a sufficient length of time to satisfy him as to the proper course of duty. On July 20, 1821, he was licensed to preach, and was employed immediately by his Presiding Elder, the Rev. Thomas Nixon, on the Jones's Valley Circuit. At the close of this year he was admitted on trial into the Mississippi Conference, which then embraced the Territories of Alabama and Mississippi. When the appointments were read out he was announced as junior preacher under Samuel Patton, on the Tuskaloosa Circuit. Having proved himself to be an efficient preacher by the labors of this year, he was placed the next year in charge of the Alabama Circuit, where he labored with such indefatigable zeal that his health gave way, and he was compelled to retire from active service for the next two years. In the autumn of 1825, his health having improved, he again entered the Conference, and was again assigned to the New River Circuit, and the next year he had charge of the Cahaba Valley Circuit. At the end of this year, from excessive labor, his health again failed, and he reluctantly retired the second time from active Conference duties. The work to be done by a circuit preacher at that time was immense, and required constant travel, and preaching almost every day in the week. Such was the labor which Brother Levert performed. He often rode all day through snow or rain, without a morsel to eat from breakfast till night, and several times he traveled through such days, and at night lay down supperless at the foot of some spreading oak, and rested his head upon his saddle-bags, while his bed was made of an overcoat and blanket. For these physical hardships he received but little pecuniary compensation. Having improved his health by a year's rest, he reentered the Conference in the autumn of 1828. From this time on to the day of his death his name remained on the Conference-roll, and up to the year 1832 he had traveled the Tuskaloosa, Ocmulgee, and Marengo Circuits. At the end of this year the Conference was divided into the Mississippi and Alabama Conferences, and he, having chosen the latter, was placed upon the Tuskaloosa District. From this time to the year 1872 he traveled circuits, filled stations, and presided over Districts, with great usefulness and acceptability. Greensboro, Marion, Summerfield, Uniontown, Dayton, Macon, and Glennville, all shared in the benefits of his ministry. He was Presiding Elder of the Greensboro, Selma, and Demopolis Districts. In 1840 he represented his Conference in the General Conference held

In Baltimore, and in 1846 he was a member of the first General Conference of the M. E. Church, South, held in Petersburg, Va. In stature he was about six feet high; his appearance was commanding, his face symmetrical, his features bold and manly, his eyes keen and expressive; his mouth was the ready expression of fluency. He was naturally endowed with a strong mind, and had he enjoyed the advantages of an early education, he might have been second to few in literary attainments. About three months in a country-school was the extent of his early advantages, except a rudimentary knowledge of the French language, which his father taught him when a very small boy. Though his early training was thus limited, by diligent application he gained a wonderful store of information. His knowledge of theology was extensive, accurate, and rich, and his acquaintance with nearly all subjects was extensive and diversified. He was an original and independent thinker. His mind was very active and strictly logical, his imagination was vivid, and his memory remarkable. He was fond of reading, but did not read indiscriminately; his selections were from the best authors, and he utilized much of what he read. As a preacher, he was evangelical, earnest, and eloquent. His talents were far above mediocrity. In the pulpit his person was attractive, his action deliberate, his manner graceful and earnest, and his elocution faultless. It was in the pulpit that he exhibited his greatest powers. His sermons were the result of careful preparation. Those who enjoyed the pleasure of listening to him when in the vigor of life pronounced him one of the most powerful preachers of his age. Thousands have listened with almost breathless silence to his impassioned discourses, and hundreds have been awakened and brought to Christ through his instrumentality. The Church in Middle Alabama is as much indebted to him as any other man of his day. For nineteen years of his ministry he filled the place of Presiding Elder, during most of which time he seemed to have been set for the defense of the doctrines peculiar to Methodism. In the field of debate he was a powerful and successful polemic, and sometimes, when logical truth failed to convince his opposers, he would turn upon them with such a volley of satire as would put to silence his most violent antagonists. On Jan. 23, 1823, he was married to Miss Martha Patton, by whom he had fifteen children, only six of whom now survive him. The mother of his children having died July 9, 1846, he was afterward married to Mrs. Fletcher, widow of Dr. Fletcher, of Perry co., Ala. In 1872 he was stationed at Glennville. This proved to be his last appointment, for at the next session of the Conference he was superannuated. He seemed to have lost the use of his lower limbs to some extent, and his partial paralysis made it unpleasant and inconvenient for him to be moved any distance from home, though he continued to preach with his usual earnestness

and eloquence as opportunity was afforded him. His last sermon was preached at Newbern, and on that day he filled the pulpit three times. For several months previous to his death there were visible indications of his approaching dissolution. The extreme feebleness of his limbs, and the bending form of his body as he was occasionally seen on the streets, seemed to say that his race was well-nigh run. He had occasional attacks of paralysis, which made him fear to leave home; for he appeared to feel, and often expressed the conviction, that he should die suddenly. Whenever he felt able he was at Church on Sabbath morning, and always when present closed the services with prayer, which, for earnestness and appropriateness, was peculiar to himself. His last visit to the house of God was at a quarterly-meeting. At the close of the morning sermon he was called upon to administer the communion. He arose, trembling with feebleness, and made a few remarks appropriate to the occasion, prayed the consecration-prayer, and then gave the elements to the ministers present. It was a time not soon to be forgotten. This was his last official act. On Tuesday morning after he complained of a trouble about his heart, saying to his son, who was going from home, "Don't stay long, my son, for I feel unusually unwell to-day." On Wednesday morning about 3 o'clock he was attacked with violent pain in the region of his heart, which continued for some time on Thursday. After this he seemed to be better, except occasionally he would have sinking or fainting sensations. All the while he felt premonitions of his approaching end, and frequently said to his children that he felt that he was "on the verge of the river, and would soon be on the other shore." The day before he died his consciousness of the near approach of death grew stronger, and he said to his daughter, "I may live to see the morrow's sun rise, but I don't think I shall see his setting." The next morning he appeared much better, and ate a piece of toast and drank some milk; but soon after eating he complained of feeling worse, and expressed a desire to see the doctor, who came in about that time; and while feeling his pulse and conversing with him he threw his hand over his heart, the pulsation ceased almost instantly, and without a struggle or groan he passed into the scenes of a bright future. Thus has passed away an honored hero of the cross, who for more than a half century has gone in and out before the people, ministering to them the consolation of that grace which finally gave him triumph in the dying-hour. He died in the midst of his family, surrounded by children and friends, who carried his remains to the Marion cemetery, and there deposited them to rest till the resurrection morn.

JEFFERSON HAMILTON breathed his last in Opelika, Ala., Dec. 16, 1874. He was born in Ward, Worcester co., Mass., Aug. 23, 1805. He was reared on a New England farm, ac-

customed to all the toils, privations, and hardships incidental to such a life. His early opportunities for mental culture were poor. With the exception of a few months in the year, his time was wholly occupied with his home duties. He enjoyed the inestimable blessing of Christian parents. His mother was a model of zeal and usefulness; and she left her impress upon her son. He accompanied her to the homes of the sick and poor, and to the house of God—listened to her prayers—saw at home and abroad the light of her example, and beheld the Spirit of Christ by which she was controlled and animated. He was converted and joined the M. E. Church in his twentieth year. Henceforward he was a new creature. As the light of spiritual life illumined his soul, the call of God to the work of the ministry fell upon his ear. Warm in his first love, he “conferred not with flesh and blood,” but made ready to enter the field before him, already “white unto the harvest.” He began to exhort and pray for sinners, and by his life and influence to lead them to “the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.” Wishing to prepare himself the more fully for his work, he became a pupil of Dr. Wilbur Fisk, at Wilbraham. Here, under the training of this illustrious preceptor, he laid the foundation for the noble manhood to which he attained in after life. While at school he both studied and preached with more than ordinary success and zeal. He seems to have regarded his great master at Wilbraham as a model man, and the prince of Methodist preachers in his day. In May, 1831, he joined the New England Conference. His first appointment was Hull, his second Randolph, his third Salem, and his fourth Bromfield Street, Boston. During his second year at the last place he was attacked with measles, resulting in asthma, from which he was almost a continual sufferer to the day of his death. His life being despaired of in the cold climate of New England, in obedience to the advice of his physician, young Hamilton came South in search of a more genial clime, where his wasted strength might be regained, and whence he might return invigorated to his native State, and finish the work his Divine Master had given him to do. He reached Alabama in 1833, and applied for admission into the Alabama Conference. Much to his surprise and regret he was stationed at the Gravier-street Church, in New Orleans. He served this charge for two years with great acceptability and usefulness. At the close of this term, in 1839, he was transferred to the Alabama Conference, and stationed at Franklin-street Church, Mobile, where he began and closed his labors in his adopted State. As his health was never fully restored, he soon abandoned all idea of returning to the frigid climate in which he was born, opened his heart with Christian warmth to the high appreciation and earnest hospitality of his new brethren and friends, and resolved to contribute with all his might to the cultivation of the

great Southern field into which Providence seemed to have placed him. While he never forgot the collaborators of his early ministry, ever cherishing in his heart fond recollections of Fisk, Cox, Spaulding, Hedding, Fillmore, Osgood, and Wright, he became a truly Southern man in the convictions of his mind and the sympathies of his heart. As his knowledge increased from study and experience, and his power as a preacher began to approach its culmination, the Church fully estimated his labors, and his brethren delighted to do him honor. He filled the first stations and Districts in his Conference, and in many places the Church, under God, owed almost its entire existence to the zeal, earnestness, and fidelity of this godly man. Where the people were the most intelligent and refined, there his ministry accomplished its noblest results. Mobile and Montgomery were among the places where his greatest victories were won. Hundreds in these cities were brought to Christ through his instrumentality, numbers of whom preceded their faithful pastor to “the better land,” while a much larger multitude of his spiritual children gazed upward after his ascending spirit, exclaiming, “My father, my father, the chariot of Israel, and the horsemen thereof!” Though below the medium height, and of small stature, Dr. Hamilton was a man of commanding presence. His slight form was crowned with a noble head and brow. His face was symmetrical, his features bold and manly, his eyes full of fire, and in his port and mien kindness and dignity were singularly blended. He everywhere commanded respect and confidence. Though weighed down with his asthmatic infirmity, he was cheerful, almost buoyant, in the presence of congenial companions. But while he would often unbend and spend an agreeable hour in the society of his friends and brethren, he was never frivolous or trifling; he never offended the taste of the Christian public, and ever kept himself within the boundaries which religious conservatism has thrown around the ministerial office. He was

Affectionate in look,
And tender in address, as well becomes
A messenger of grace to guilty men.

His intellect was of high order, and susceptible of much more than ordinary culture. Though his early training was by no means as extensive and complete as he earnestly desired, he so assiduously continued the discipline of his mental powers that he became a fine biblical scholar. He was wonderfully familiar with the text of Scripture, often tracing the words in our grand old English version back to their roots in the languages employed by the Holy Ghost in conveying to us the will of God. He was versed in the wisdom of the past, and kept pace with the intellectual progress of his day. While he received with due caution and hesitancy much that has been called science and literature in this age, there was nothing moldy and fossil-

like in his utterances. He was always fresh and vigorous in thought, bold and earnest in style. His stores of theological learning were large, accurate, and rich, and his information upon nearly all subjects extensive and diversified. His mental nature was healthful, and singularly free from the wild conceits and fancies too often found in minds which in other respects possess great scope and power. In his case reason's ray was the pure white beam of light, the result of the proper and proportionate mixture of all the rays of the intellectual spectrum. As a preacher Dr. Hamilton stood in the front rank of the pulpit men of his day. It was here that his manhood reached its maximum. We have heard preachers who, for a single effort, or for a series of sermons, would surpass him; but for sound, exhaustive, evangelical preaching, he had few equals in his age or country. His sermons were the productions of a cultivated mind and a heart fully consecrated to God; they contained much of the intellectual wealth of past generations, and showed that their author was familiar with the works of the representative minds of his own age. He was a "well-instructed scribe," who brought forth out of his treasury "things new and old." His preaching was biblical and Wesleyan in an eminent degree. His manner in the pulpit was grave, earnest, and impressive. His was not so much the rhetoric of the schools as the expression of a soul alive to the responsible position which he occupied as God's ambassador to a lost and dying world. His voice was commanding, his emphasis natural, and his delivery unctuous and impassioned. Through him the violated law poured forth its anathemas, and the solemn mysteries of the judgment, and the life to come, appeared as awful realities. He possessed the element of pulpit-power—he could say, "The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek." He who touched Isaiah's lips with a coal of fire from the altar spoke through the sainted Hamilton to the thousands who waited upon his ministry. Such was his power in the pulpit, while in the prime of his manhood, that his auditors were often smitten down under the influence of his word, and made to cry aloud for mercy and salvation through Jesus Christ. On one occasion, in the city of Montgomery, Ala., at the close of a prayer for sinners, scores rose from their seats and rushed to the altar, crying, "What shall we do to be saved?" nearly all of whom obtained "peace through our Lord Jesus Christ." Those who heard him and knew him, as they saw him in the sacred desk, in the full exercise of all his powers, were ready to exclaim:

There stands

The legate of the skies! His theme divine,
His office sacred, his credentials clear,
By him the violated law speaks out
Its thunders; and by him, in strains as sweet
As angels use, the gospel whispers, Peace.

In the discharge of his duties as preacher and pastor no difficulties could obstruct his way—neither "the pestilence that walketh in darkness, nor the destruction that wasteth at noon-day," could deter him. Feeble and emaciated as he was, he faced all difficulties that confronted him, and braved every danger that crossed his path. During the epidemics which desolated the cities in which he was stationed, he was day and night with the sick and dying. Three times he was at the very verge of the grave from yellow fever. In one of these terrible scourges that visited Mobile his labors were herculean; almost the whole city became his charge while the fever lasted, and at its close such was their sense of obligation on account of the invaluable services rendered that, refusing all assistance from the members of the Churches, the irreligious young men of the city made him up a purse of five hundred dollars, and inclosed their thank-offering in a note to him expressive of the gratitude which filled their hearts. His acknowledged ability, his theological attainments, his eloquence in the pulpit, and his abundant labors, placed him at the head of his Conference. In the active field of Christian enterprise, within the bounds of the Alabama Conference, he was for many years without a peer. He did more than any other man in molding the character of the preachers, in directing their efforts for the welfare and salvation of the people, and in fixing the high standard of faith and usefulness to which they should all ultimately attain. He was an enthusiastic advocate for extensive and thorough Christian culture. He toiled assiduously to build up and endow institutions of learning within the bounds of his Conference, and no man in his day gave more hearty encouragement to the diligent student in the prosecution of his studies, and no one congratulated him more warmly when his scholastic labors had been crowned with success. His leadership was unsought by him—in the great earnestness of his soul he went forward in the work of his Divine Master, and his brethren followed. His usefulness was not confined to his own Conference; for more than a quarter of a century he was a member of every General Conference of his Church. He took a prominent part in the organization of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and its separate establishment met with his unqualified approval; and while he was the sincere advocate of peace and fraternity, he believed firmly that its separate existence from the Methodist Episcopal Church is necessary to the prosperity of the two great branches of the Wesleyan family of this country, as well as for the growth of Protestant Christianity in the New World. While Dr. Hamilton rejected all latitudinarian views of the doctrines of the Bible, and while he was conscientiously an Arminian of the Wesleyan type, he had broad and catholic feelings, and in his heart there was room for genuine Christians of every faith and order. He not only loved these, interchanging pulpits with

their ministers, but on all suitable occasions he labored for their prosperity, and prayed for their success in extending the kingdom of Christ. Our departed father in Israel may have had his imperfections—doubtless he had, as he was only a man—but his mistakes and errors were those of the finite judgment, and not of the heart. In a ministry of more than forty-five years not a stain tarnished his honored name, and when his Lord called him to his reward he left behind him, as a holy legacy to his family and the Church, a Christian character pure and “white as the driven snow.” During the past year, when on the verge of his “three-score years and ten,” he was made Presiding Elder of the Mobile District. He entered upon his work with his accustomed energy. The labor and care of such a trust, at his advanced age, bore heavily upon his exhausted physical nature. Still he filled his appointments, preached with great efficiency and power, and closed the labors of the year, and of his ministerial life, by preaching twice in the Franklin-street Church, in Mobile, and administering the Lord’s Supper to a large number of communicants. On reaching Opelika, the seat of the Alabama Conference, he was able to be present only one day. On the second day of the session he was attacked with pneumonia. He had the best medical aid, and received every attention that Christian hospitality could bestow, in the family of Brother McNamee; but it was soon perceived that his end was near. His wife, the faithful partner of his joys and sorrows, and his helpmeet in the Lord’s vineyard, was sent for. Soon after her arrival she announced to him that his work was done. Calling his physician to his side, he asked him if the fact communicated to him by his wife was true. Being assured that he must die, he exclaimed, “It is good!” He then said, “Where are the brethren?” Quite a number were present, to whom he delivered his parting message, at the end of which he said, “Say to the brethren in Conference, ‘Hail and farewell!’” He sent Christian salutations to absent brethren and friends. He then turned to his wife and said, “I commend my wife, my children, and my grandchildren to God and his Church.” Looking again at her who had been his greatest human aid and support for more than forty years, he added, “They will not fail you in sympathy and protection.” “With regard to myself,” he said, “I have never been a boastful Christian, have entertained humble views of myself, but I do profess to have a clear knowledge of the doctrine of salvation by faith, and a conscious experience that the blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth from all sin. I believe that sanctification, or holiness, is a doctrine taught in the Bible, as separate and distinct from justification, received and retained by faith; and trusting these truths, I die and go to God.” He sent his dying counsel and blessing to his children and grandchildren, adding: “Tell them never to bring a reflection upon the Methodist

Church, for in the end it will be found to be an important portion of the true Church of God, and to have translated from earth to heaven a vast multitude of sanctified spirits.” Thus has passed away our noble Hamilton, ripe in years, and rich in faith and hope. He died at the seat of his Conference, in the midst of his collaborators, and cheered by their voices in prayer and song. Just after the session closed, and while his brethren were separating for their new fields of labor, he was transferred to heaven!

“IT IS GOOD.”

We met as we oft had assembled before,
We met as we all shall assemble no more;
And he, as on former occasions, was there,
To lead in our counsels, our labors to share.

But hovering near is the angel of death,
And breathing upon him his pestilent breath;
Soon stretched on his bed he in agony lies,
And ne’er from that bed shall our Hamilton rise!

His labors and sufferings are all now to end,
Our Prophet Elijah is now to ascend!
“My father! my father!” He’s going above!
“The chariot of Israel, and horsemen thereof!”

We sigh our last farewells, with sorrow subdued,
While he, with composure, responds, “It is good!”
The Conference ends—his appointment is given—
The Bishop of bishops transfers him to heaven!

Ques. 20. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?

Their names were called over, one by one, and their characters examined and passed, except that of W. A. Edwards, who had been transferred to the North Texas Conference, and the case was referred to the Presiding Elder of the District in which he labors.

Ques. 21. What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations, and missions of the Conference?

Mobile District.

	White Mem's.	Col'd Mem's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Mobile:			
{ Franklin Street	327		
{ City Mission	59		
Eastern Shore	40		
St. Francis Street	291		2
St. Paul's	302		1
Grand Bay Mission	176		4
Whistler Station	164		2
Citronelle Circuit	208	5	1
St. Stephen's Mission	289	1	1
Pensacola Station	99	1	1
Navy Yard and Perdido Mission	48		
Milton Station	100		1
Yellow River Mission			
Pollard Circuit	225		4
Black Water Mission	355		3
Mt. Pleasant Circuit	196		2
Bladen Springs Circuit	250		3
Oktuppee Mission	124		2
	3293	7	27

Demopolis District.

Demopolis Station	108		
Livingston	60		1
Belmont	131		1
Gaston	387		1
Cuba	135		2

Demopolis District (continued).

	White Mem's.	Col'd Mem's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Butler.....	434		1
Forkland.....	89		
Gainesville.....	125	1	
Greene.....	227		4
Entaw.....	62		1
Greensboro.....	137		5
Havana.....	525		3
	2420	1	19

Selma District.

Selma Station.....	330		
East Selma and Benton Mission.....	84		2
Uniontown and Cedar Grove.....	145		
Dayton Circuit.....	290		1
Orrville.....	195		1
Rembert Hills.....	330		1
Choctaw Corner.....	448		5
Bigbee Mission.....			
Peach-tree.....	311		1
Suggsville.....	159		1
Grove Hill.....	488		3
Summerfield Station.....	124		1
Perryville.....	223		2
Marion.....	138		
Brush Creek.....	341		3
Newbern.....	183		2
	3789		23

Prattville District.

Prattville Station.....	183		
Autaugaville Circuit.....	381		1
Clanton.....	503	1	1
Randolph.....	446		1
Lowndesboro.....	95		
Pleasant Hill.....	107		1
Monterey.....	322		2
Georgiana.....	582		9
Sepulga.....	609		3
Camden.....	211		
Pineville.....	233	1	
Monroeville.....	215		
Evergreen.....	372		6
Brewton Mission.....	106		1
	4365	2	25

Montgomery District.

Montgomery:			
Montgomery Station.....	368		1
Heron Street.....	60		
Wetumpka.....	60		
Elmore.....	784		9
Tallassee.....	193		1
Notasulga.....	632		9
Tuskegee Station.....	250		4
Tuskegee Circuit.....	403		7
Auburn.....	250		1
Opelika.....	450		5
Salem.....	560		3
Crawford.....	466		1
Hurtville.....	245		
Gold Hill.....	14		
	4735		41

Union Springs District.

Union Springs Station.....	97		
Union Circuit.....	378		2
Pine Level.....	400		4
Rocky Mount.....	516		
Fort Deposit.....	248		1
Greenville.....	225		4
Greenville Circuit.....	475	7	2
Rutledge.....	734	1	3
Troy and Brundidge.....	199		3
Troy Circuit.....	245		3
Elba Mission.....	137		
Gilmer Mission.....	26		1
	3680	8	23

Eufaula District.

	White Mem's.	Col'd Mem's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Eufaula Station.....	275		2
Villula.....	263		4
Beulah.....	135		1
Enon and Midway.....	220		2
Perote.....	291		3
Pea River Mission.....	195		1
Clayton and Louisville.....	248		2
Henry.....	480	34	1
White Pond.....	554		1
Glennville.....	92		1
	2753	34	12

Marianna District.

Marianna Station.....	74		
Greenwood.....	260		1
Holmes's Valley.....	351	1	3
Calhoun Mission.....	216	5	3
Columbia.....	289		3
Newton.....	313		3
Echo.....	783		7
Geneva.....	244		5
Big Creek.....	470	6	4
Cerro Gordo.....	150		2
Ozark.....	790		3
	3940	12	34

Recapitulation.

Mobile District.....	3293	7	27
Demopolis.....	2420	1	19
Selma.....	3789		23
Prattville.....	4365	2	25
Montgomery.....	4735		41
Union Springs.....	3680	8	23
Eufaula.....	2753	34	12
Marianna.....	3940	12	34
Total this year.....	28,975	64	210
Total last year.....	27,784	73	194
Increase.....	1191		16
Decrease.....		9	

Ques. 22. How many infants have been baptized during the year?

1013.

Ques. 23. How many adults have been baptized during the year?

1499.

Ques. 24. What is the number of Sunday-schools?

333.

Ques. 25. What is the number of Sunday-school teachers?

2029.

Ques. 26. What is the number of Sunday-school scholars?

14,097.

Ques. 27. What amount is necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers?

\$6,500.

Ques. 28. What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied?

Collected, \$4,289 95. Applied to claimants.

Ques. 29. What has been contributed for missions?

\$6,124 58.

Ques. 30. Where shall the next session of the Conference be held?

At Greensboro, Ala.

Ques. 31. Where are the preachers stationed this year?

MOBILE DISTRICT.

S. H. Cox, P. E.

Mobile:

Franklin Street, E. Wadsworth.

{ St. Francis Street, W. A. McCarty.

{ City Mission, F. M. Peterson.

St. Paul's, J. A. Peterson.

Eastern Shore, J. H. James.

Grand Bay Mission, C. W. Calhoun.

Whistler Station, J. T. Curry.

Citronelle Circuit, A. J. Lamar.

St. Stephen's Circuit, J. C. Johnson.

Pensacola Station, P. H. Lightfoot.

Navy Yard, P. G. Nash.

{ Milton Station, J. O. Andrew.

{ Yellow River Mission, to be supplied (by J. Paul).

{ Pollard Circuit, W. P. Dickinson.

{ Black Water Mission, W. H. Morris.

Mt. Pleasant Circuit, G. M. Roper.

Bladon Springs Circuit, W. H. Wild.

GREENSBORO DISTRICT.

A. H. Mitchell, P. E.

Greensboro Station, H. Urquhart.

Demopolis Station, G. Waverly Briggs.

Livingston Station, C. R. Williamson.

Belmont Circuit, J. W. McCann.

Gaston Circuit, A. Hood.

Cuba Circuit, J. R. Peavy.

{ Butler Circuit, D. J. Wright.

{ Oktuppee Circuit, M. M. Dawson.

Forkland Circuit, J. S. Frazer.

Gainesville Circuit, C. B. DuBose.

Eutaw Circuit, R. S. Holcombe.

Havana Circuit, J. S. Moore.

Editor of Books and of the *Christian Advocate*, T. O. Summers.

Southern University, I. S. Hopkins, Professor.

SELMA DISTRICT.

O. R. Blue, P. E.

Selma Station, W. M. Motley.

Uniontown and Dayton, E. M. Turner.

Spring Hill Circuit, G. Hawkins.

Orrville Circuit, R. J. Briggs.

Rembert Hills Circuit, W. M. Winn.

Choctaw Corner Circuit, W. I. Powers.

Independence Circuit, B. F. Blow.

Peach-tree Circuit, G. F. Ellis.

Sugsville Circuit, B. D. Gayle.

Grove Hill Circuit, B. C. Glenn.

Camden Circuit, W. W. Graham.

Bell's Landing Circuit, J. L. Skipper.

Monroeville Circuit, J. S. Peavy.

Montgomery High School, W. A. Montgomery, Principal.

PRATTVILLE DISTRICT.

A. J. Briggs, P. E.

Prattville Station, J. W. Rush.

Autaugaville Circuit, A. C. Hundley.

Plantersville, J. B. Anderson.

Marion Station, J. E. Foust.

Newbern Circuit, C. H. Kelley.

{ New Providence Circuit, J. O. Keener.

{ Salem Circuit, J. M. Brown.

Randolph Circuit, R. A. Miears.

Clanton Circuit, W. H. McDaniel.

Lowndesboro Circuit, J. M. Mason.

Pleasant Hill Circuit, T. Y. Abernathy.

Monterey Circuit, N. Gillis.

Sepulga Circuit, J. M. Scott.

Summerfield and East Selma, J. W. Shores.

Centenary Female Institute, A. D. McVoy.

Centenary Male Institute, J. M. Crews.

MONTGOMERY DISTRICT.

M. S. Andrews, P. E.

Montgomery:

Montgomery Station, A. S. Andrews.

Heron Street, to be supplied.

Wetumpka Station, W. A. Rice.

Elmore Circuit, W. P. H. Connerly.

Tallasse Mission, O. S. Perry.

Notasulga Circuit, W. B. Neal.

Loachapoka Mission, M. C. Turrentine.

Tuskegee Station, E. L. Loveless.

Tuskegee Circuit, D. M. Hudson.

Auburn Station, M. E. Butt.

Opelika Station, R. E. Crawford.

Salem Circuit, L. F. Dowdell, J. H. Lockhart, Sup.

Crawford Circuit, C. S. Hurt.

Hurtville Circuit, W. K. Norton.

Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical College, B. B. Ross, Professor.

American Bible Society, T. J. Rutledge, Superintendent.

EUFAULA DISTRICT.

W. H. Ellison, P. E.

Eufaula Station, Josiah Bancroft.

Villula Circuit, J. W. Solomon.

Beulah Circuit, D. C. Crook.

Enon and Midway, J. S. Williams.

Perote Circuit, W. S. Turner.

Pea River Circuit, W. H. Weatherby.

Clayton and Louisville, S. A. Pilley.

Henry Circuit, A. Dowling.

White Pond Circuit, J. L. Mathison.

Glennville Station, J. W. Glenn.

MARIANNA DISTRICT.

H. D. Moore, P. E.

Marianna Station, E. Phillips.

Greenwood Circuit, J. P. Sanders.

{ Holmes's Valley Mission, T. C. M. Golland.

{ St. Andrew's Bay Mission, to be supplied (by D. B. Goodwin).

Calhoun Mission, J. W. Clark.

{ Columbia Circuit, L. C. Calhoun.

{ Columbia Mission, to be supplied.

Newton Circuit, J. A. Green.
 Echo Circuit, W. D. Owens.
 Geneva Circuit, D. C. Standley.
 Big Creek Circuit, W. H. Hasty.
 Cerro Gordo Mission, to be supplied (by J. Wesley).
 Ozark Circuit, H. M. Gillis.

UNION SPRINGS DISTRICT.

S. P. Richardson, P. E.

Union Springs Station, E. P. Birch.
 { Union Circuit, W. S. Wade.
 { Gilmer Mission, H. M. Moss.
 Pine Level Circuit, L. Patterson.
 Rocky Mount Circuit, B. L. Selman.
 Fort Deposit Circuit, J. Barker.
 Greenville Circuit, E. W. Solomon.
 { Rutledge Circuit, A. M. Jones.
 { Rose Hill Mission, to be supplied.

{ Troy and Brundidge, P. H. Moss.
 { Troy Circuit, A. S. Dickinson.
 Georgiana Circuit, M. M. Graham.
 Evergreen Circuit, J. S. Rencher.
 Garland Mission, R. Smilie.
 Greenville Station, T. F. Mangum, W. H. Morris, Sup.
 Troy High School, R. J. Walker, Principal.

W. Shapard, P. B. Saffold, transferred to Texas Conference.

B. G. Blackwell transferred to North Alabama Conference.

W. A. Edwards transferred to North Texas Conference.

W. F. Norton transferred to Florida Conference.

E. M. Bounds transferred to St. Louis Conference.

R. S. Woodward transferred to Mississippi Conference.

XI.—NORTH ALABAMA CONFERENCE.

HELD AT BIRMINGHAM, ALA., *November 17-23, 1875.*

BISHOP MARVIN, *President*; JOHN A. THOMPSON, *Secretary*.

QUESTION 1. Who are admitted on trial?

ANSWER. James W. Tucker, Carrol C. O'Neal, Robt. T. Bentley, Isaac M. Blanton, Geo. M. G. Dunkin, Joseph T. Morris. 6.

Ques. 2. Who remain on trial?

William M. P. Rippey, Robt. McKelvey, Robt. T. Blackwell, Sion L. Hill, Samuel M. Hosmer, James K. Sams, Julian C. Brown, John L. Ferguson, John B. Steadham, James S. Glasgow, Moses N. Morris, Robt. F. Winston, John G. Gibson, James H. Cameron. 14.

Ques. 3. Who are discontinued?

David C. Strange, Allen P. Taylor. 2.

Ques. 4. Who are admitted into full connection?

Charles A. Allday, Hugh P. Berry, James T. Miller, John B. Gregory, Moses L. White, Henry D. Hill. 6.

Ques. 5. Who are readmitted?

Elam A. Stevenson. 1.

Ques. 6. Who are received by transfer from other Conferences?

W. C. Hearn, B. G. Blackwell. 2.

Ques. 7. Who are the deacons of one year?

John Wesley Baine, Marcus E. Tumlin, J. W. Christian, James L. Brittain, Reuben S. Price, Jesse F. Ellis, John R. Sharpe, Jephthah N. Scott, Aaron N. Lowrie, Geo. W. Hamilton, John B. Coll, G. B. Wilson, E. W.

Jones, R. F. Mountain, James Cox, B. G. Blackwell, Reuben J. Wilson. 17.

Ques. 8. What traveling preachers are elected deacons?

Charles A. Allday, Hugh P. Berry, James T. Miller, John B. Gregory. 4.

Ques. 9. What traveling preachers are ordained deacons?

Charles A. Allday, Hugh P. Berry, James T. Miller, John B. Gregory. 4.

Ques. 10. What local preachers are elected deacons?

Francis A. Hewitt, Carrol C. O'Neal, Charles W. Jacobs, Peter A. J. Renfro, William Hallman, David J. McCleskey, Murrel D. Clearman, Robt. D. Bolin. 8.

Ques. 11. What local preachers are ordained deacons?

Francis A. Hewitt, Carrol C. O'Neal, William Hallman. 3.

Ques. 12. What traveling preachers are elected elders?

John W. Newman. 1.

Ques. 13. What traveling preachers are ordained elders?

John W. Newman. 1.

Ques. 14. What local preachers are elected elders?

James M. Webster, Thos. A. Kerr, Thos. G. Cansler. 3.

Ques. 15. What local preachers are ordained elders?

Bruce Harris, Miles G. Foust, James W. Jones. 3.

Ques. 16. Who are located this year?

Robt. G. Isbell, at his own request. 1.

Ques. 17. Who are supernumerary?

Henry P. Turner, James T. Bartee, James Cox, Rufus Nicholson, James M. Towles, E. B. McClellan, J. F. Randall. 7.

Ques. 18. Who are superannuated?

E. McMeans, John N. Gloser, R. J. Mason, Chas. W. Smith, Finch P. Scruggs, Warren D. Nicholson, C. S. D. Lassiter, Theophilus Moody. 8.

Ques. 19. What preachers have died during the past year?

Ambrose F. Driskill. 1.

AMBROSE F. DRISKILL, son of John and Polly Driskill, was born in Rutherford co., North Carolina, June 16, 1801. His parents were reared by Presbyterians. Four years after their marriage they sought and obtained religion, and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church. The subject of this memoir was brought up in this Church in the strictest manner. At the age of seven he joined the Church as a seeker; at nine he was happily converted. His father's house being the home of preachers, he had every assistance in the divine life, which he improved. Thus, in early youth, he enjoyed the religion he professed. He was early impressed with the duty of preaching the gospel, and at the age of twenty-one he began this responsible work. It is somewhat remarkable that he and his father obtained license to preach at the same time. He was admitted on trial into the traveling connection in the Tennessee Conference, in 1822. He then filled the following appointments: 1822, Paint Rock Circuit, J. P.; 1823, Richland Circuit, H. P.; 1824, Sandy Creek Circuit, P. C.; 1825, sent as missionary to the Indians. This year that celebrated chief, Ed. Gunter, was converted; also, a young Indian without an English name—he was baptized with the name of Fletcher Boots, and afterward became a distinguished preacher. Brother Driskill, in 1826, was appointed as preacher in charge to the Madison Circuit, North Alabama; 1827, Bedford Circuit; 1828, Lebanon Circuit; 1830, Tusculum Station; 1831, Lebanon and Cairo Station; 1832, Brownsville and Covington Station; 1833, Forked Deer Circuit; 1834, Columbia Station; 1835-6, Shelbyville District. During this year he was happily married to Miss Sarah Jones McGhee, who still lives to mourn her loss. In 1837-8-9 he was on Huntsville District; 1840, his health having failed, he was granted a supernumerary relation; 1841-2-3-4, Florence District; 1845-6-7-8, Murfreesboro District; 1849-50-1, Nashville District; 1852-3-4-5, McMinnville District; 1856, supernumerary;

1857-8, Madison Circuit; 1859, Maysville and Bold Springs Station; 1860-1, Elk River Circuit; 1862, Madison African Mission, of which he had charge till the close of the war; 1865, Fayetteville Station; 1866-7, supernumerary; 1868 he was employed by the Madison Auxiliary Society of the American Bible Society; 1869, Larkinsville District. The General Conference in 1870 created the North Alabama Conference, which organized Nov. 16, and by it he was returned; 1871, New Market Circuit; 1872, Triune Circuit; 1873-4, Madison Circuit. This was his fifty-third appointment, and he was in the faithful discharge of his duties when stricken down. His life was a demonstration of his profession. He lived for God's glory and men's good. For these objects he gave his young days, the strength of his manhood, and the declining years of his life. He visited from house to house, everywhere leaving the hallowed influence of a good name. He was a pattern of good works of every kind. To work, to sacrifice, to lead to Christ, to give to the poor and thus lend to the Lord, was the pleasure of his life. He raised much money for the missionary cause. Almost his entire life was spent in doing good. The desire to be instrumental in saving souls grew upon him as his days were lengthened. His fidelity to the Church caused him to be a rigid disciplinarian. He not only kept, but enforced, the rules. The Church honored him by sending him as a delegate to the General Conference in 1840; also, by sending him to the Convention in 1845. He was one of the first delegates to the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. He heartily loved and ably defended the doctrines of the Church. As a preacher, he was simple, profound, clear, and practical. He was gifted in prayer. He was given to earnest, incessant prayer, and increased in this exercise as he grew older. February 28, 1875, he filled two of his regular appointments. The day following he was exposed to the inclemency of the weather, which brought on a cold and sore throat. Providentially there was a minister at his next appointment who filled his pulpit. Being somewhat relieved, he left home Saturday, though the day was inclement. He undertook some pastoral visiting which threw him out of his way. In going to his appointment he had to cross a creek, swollen from recent rain. The night before he procured a guide, and when within two feet of the opposite bank, his horse fell, throwing him and his equipage in the stream. His guide procured his equipage, after which he went to a house a mile distant, where he remained two hours drying himself. He then proceeded to his appointment, and preached from the text, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God," etc. He attended his afternoon appointment, and came to a friend's house for the night. The family, having heard of his misfortune, gladly did all in their power to render him comfortable, which he gratefully acknowledged. He gave evidences next morning of the return of disease. Going

home, his wife did all that could be done to restore him, and he so improved as to suspend the use of remedies. He retired as usual and was soon asleep. About ten he awoke, went to the fire, attempted to put on some wood, which awoke his wife, whose fears were alarmed. She inquired if any thing was the matter. Receiving no answer, she supposed he did not hear her, as he was dull of hearing. He called her. She went immediately, and found him suffering intensely in his left side. Soon he was convulsed with pain. Immediately a physician was called and pronounced it a severe attack of pneumonia. The convulsions were succeeded by a raging fever which resulted in stupor, from which it was difficult to arouse him. His wife's great uneasiness caused her to make repeated efforts in this direction. The next evening he aroused, and seemed to have anticipated her wishes, and with great effort said, "I want, I want." She, eagerly catching his words, asked, "What is it you want, my dear?" "To express my feelings," he replied; "I feel my acceptance with God. No doubts, no doubts." Expressing her fears that he would soon be taken from her, he replied, "The separation will not be long; the Lord will sustain you." During Wednesday and Thursday nights his fever continued, with stupor and slight indications of delirium, but not to such an extent as to impair his faculties when aroused. In that condition the mind of the veteran was on his ministry, and again he fought the battles of his Master and saw his enemies fleeing before his face. Thursday night, his fever abating, he seemed much better, and his friends hoped for his recovery. Friday he was more disposed to converse; he had been much interested in reading "Theology in Miniature," by Dr. Pierce, with which he was much pleased, and recommended it to his visitors. He also called special attention to the Bishops' Pastoral Address. Indicating much weakness, he was persuaded to cease conversation. Soon after he grew worse. Other physicians were called in and did all that human skill could do to stay the march of disease, but without avail. His Master in compassion had called for his servant. He was not conscious of the near approach of death. Early Sunday morning Dr. Hatcher, who had remained with him all night, at the request of his wife, said to him, "Brother Driskill, unless you are soon relieved, we fear you cannot live." His countenance indicated surprise, but he very soon said, "Well, I have nothing to fear; I see my way clear." During the day he was annoyed with a cough, but, looking up pleasantly at his wife, he said, "This pneumonia is using me roughly." During the day Brother Gill, who anxiously came to see him, sung and prayed with him. He was very happy, and exhorted his wife to put her trust in God, saying, "His grace will be sufficient." At one time, with much emphasis, he said, "My feet are on the Rock." To one of his class-leaders he said, "It I pass away, all will be well, but I hate to see Jane (his wife) distressed." He

was asked if the gospel he had preached to others was sufficient to sustain him. He answered, "O yes." During the day, as his strength would permit, friends spoke to him of being almost home, and of the happy meeting of the loved beyond the river. It seemed to cheer the old soldier that his last battle was being fought, and that he was enabled to triumph. The hour for family prayers having arrived, he was reminded of it by his weeping wife, who said to him, "Brother Turner is here; shall we have prayers for the last time?" He listened attentively to the reading of the Scriptures, and asked that his favorite hymn, "How firm a foundation," etc., should be sung. His face beamed with rays of heavenly light. A brother minister requested that he should not talk, and said to him, "If you feel that the Lord is answering your prayers and is giving you grace for this hour, give me your hand" —which he did, immediately. The last moments of his life were gloriously triumphant, and the contortions of pain could not remove a smile of heavenly light from his face. That smile remained after the soul left its tenement of clay, which occurred March 7, 22 minutes after 10 A.M. Ambrose F. Driskill was no ordinary character. Punctuality was a prominent virtue of his life. He was Methodistic not only in name, but in practice. His fidelity was of the highest type and most fearless character. His religion, though bright, was not a fitful glare, but an ever-bright and continuous flame. He carried it everywhere, and by it he regulated his life. There is no estimating the power of his perfect example. The world is poorer to-day than when he was with us. His name is a rich legacy to the Church and the North Alabama Conference. To cherish his memory and imitate his example should be our pleasure and highest honor. Beneath a cold exterior he had a genial nature, full of the sunshine of religion. He rarely laughed, yet there was no frown upon his brow, but a constant smile of peace and devotedness to God.

Ques. 20. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?

Their names were called over, one by one, and their characters examined and passed.

Ques. 21. What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations, and missions of the Conference?

Florence District.

	White Mem's.	Col'd Mem's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Florence Station.....	251	1	2
Shoal Circuit.....	343		2
Lentzville.....	429		3
Cypress.....	434		2
Waterloo.....	235		5
Oakland.....	291		3
Tuscumbia Station.....	197		2
Valley Station.....	280		2
Chickasaw.....	263		1
Frankfort.....	375	2	3
	3014	3	25

Decatur District.

	White Mem's.	Col'd Mem's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Decatur Station.....	92		1
Decatur Circuit.....			2
Trinity.....	81		3
Courtland.....	369		1
Leighton.....	187		1
Russell Valley.....	257	1	2
Littlesville Mission.....	250		
Moulton and Hillsboro Station.....	161		
Moulton.....			
Danville.....	900		8
Somerville.....	676		12
Hanceville.....	305		6
	3278	1	36

Huntsville District.

Huntsville Station.....	344		5
Madison Station.....	131		
Madison Circuit.....	246		1
Triana.....	100		3
Athens Station.....	182		2
Athens.....	390		4
Pettusville.....	442		3
Maysville and New Market.....	551	1	2
Scottsboro.....	380		6
Paint Rock.....	248		2
Stevenson.....	350		2
Woodville.....	318		2
Vienna.....	620		
	4303	1	32

Guntersville District.

Guntersville Station.....	48		1
Tennessee Valley.....	226		5
Sulphur Springs.....	126		5
Valley Head.....	387		2
Cedar Bluff.....	476	2	7
Center.....	223		3
Colvin Mountain Mission.....	174		2
Gadsden Circuit.....	375		2
Gadsden Station.....	196		2
Attalla.....	324		2
Van Buren.....	310		1
Bristoe's Cove.....	320	1	1
Summit.....	326		7
	3511	3	40

Tuskaloosa District.

Tuskaloosa Station.....	161		1
North Port.....	464		5
Sheffield.....	554		6
Fayette.....	412	1	1
Gordo.....	400		2
Carrollton.....	129		1
Fairfield and Pickensville.....	127		
Palmetto.....	431		1
Yorkville.....	421		1
Yellow Creek.....	140		3
Luxapulila.....	332		5
Vernon.....	421		7
Bexar.....	732		10
North River Mission.....	127		2
Pikeville Mission.....	218		2
	5059	1	50

Birmingham District.

Birmingham Station.....	144		1
Jones's Valley.....	591		12
Blountsville.....	334		9
Murfree's Valley.....	458		12
Ashville.....	290		4
Coosa Valley Mission.....	296		3
Ironton.....	105		1
Tuskaloosa.....	314		1
Woodstock Mission.....	174		2
Jonesboro.....	386		1

Birmingham District (continued).

	White Mem's.	Col'd Mem's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Village Falls.....	304		5
Warrior River Mission.....			
Jasper.....	410		
Newcastle.....	20		
	3826		51

Talladega District.

Talladega Station.....	176		
Talladega.....	553	2	9
White Plains and Oxford Station.....	326		3
Alexandria.....	313		3
Lincoln.....	286		
Jacksonville Station.....	128		
Cross Plains.....	296		2
Tecumseh Mission.....	65	2	
Fayetteville.....	503		3
Harpersville.....	460		5
Columbiana.....	322		4
Montevallo.....	500		3
Choocolocco.....	168		
	4096	4	32

La Fayette District.

La Fayette Station.....	231	3	7
Oak Bowery.....	413		5
Fredonia.....	479		6
Louina.....	606		7
Pinckneyville.....	668		7
Dadeville.....	410		3
Socopato.....	415		4
Hatchet Creek Mission.....	123		1
Chandler's Springs.....	302		5
Lineville.....	343		5
Arbacoochee.....	540		9
Chattahoochee Mission.....	63		2
	4593	3	56

Recapitulation.

Florence District.....	3014	3	25
Decatur ".....	3278	1	36
Huntsville ".....	4303	1	32
Guntersville ".....	3511	3	40
Tuskaloosa ".....	5059	1	50
Birmingham ".....	3826		51
Talladega ".....	4096	4	32
La Fayette ".....	4593	3	56
Total this year.....	31,680	16	322
Total last year.....	31,301	61	344
Increase.....	379		
Decrease.....		45	22

Ques. 22. How many infants have been baptized during the year?

759.

Ques. 23. How many adults have been baptized during the year?

2400.

Ques. 24. What is the number of Sunday-schools?

340.

Ques. 25. What is the number of Sunday-school teachers?

1724.

Ques. 26. What is the number of Sunday-school scholars?

13,917.

Ques. 27. What amount is necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers?

\$2,500.

Ques. 28. What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied?

Collected,	\$945 25
Applied as follows:	
Mrs. E. A. West,	45 00
Mrs. Stanley,	50 00
E. C. Odom's children,	81 30
Mrs. J. B. Powers,	110 00
Rev. Robt. Scales,	20 00
Mrs. Bailey,	50 00
Mrs. Norton,	150 00
Rev. C. S. D. Lassiter,	24 85
Mrs. Mira Erwin,	30.00
Rev. Geo. Mason,	50 00
Rev. E. McMeans,	55 00
Mrs. Abernathy,	50 00
Mrs. Robinson,	45 00
Mrs. Andrews,	80 00
Mrs. Rhodes,	65 00
Jane Driskill,	40 00
	<hr/> \$945 25

Ques. 29. What has been contributed for missions?

\$2,308 45.

Ques. 30. Where shall the next session of the Conference be held?

At Decatur, Ala.

Ques. 31. Where are the preachers stationed this year?

FLORENCE DISTRICT.

John B. Stevenson, P. E.

Florence and South Florence Station, John A. Thompson.
 Shoal Circuit and Lexington Mission, John G. Gibson.
 Lentzville Circuit, Dawson Phelps, Thos. F. Brown, Sup.
 Cypress Circuit, Wm. M. P. Rippey.
 Oakland Circuit, George W. Hamilton.
 Waterloo Circuit, R. bt. F. Winston.
 Tusculumbia Station, John B. Steadham.
 Valley Station, Wm. H. Armstrong.
 Mountain Mills Mission, James W. Tucker.
 Chickasaw Circuit, Moses L. White.
 Frankfort Circuit, Robert W. McKelvey.
 State Normal School, Hardie Brown, Professor.

DECATUR DISTRICT.

Wm. E. Mabry, P. E.

Decatur Station, Leander F. Whitten.
 Trinity and Hillsboro, John S. Davis.
 Courtland Station, John H. Anderson.
 Jonesboro and Ebenezer, Virgil O. Hawkins.
 Leighton Circuit, Thomas H. Deavenport.
 Russell Valley Circuit, Marcus E. Tumlin.
 Littleville Mission, James K. Sams.
 Moulton Circuit, Cornelius N. McLeod.
 Danville Circuit, Wm. E. Cameron.
 Somerville Circuit, James H. Cameron.

HUNTSVILLE DISTRICT.

Wm. R. Kirk, P. E.

Huntsville Station, C. D. Oliver.
 Madison and Triana, Zachariah A. Parker.
 Madison Circuit, Wm. T. Andrews, H. P. Turner, Sup.
 Wilson's Chapel and Lebanon, John W. Baine.
 Athens Station, Joel W. Whitten.
 Athens Circuit, John R. Sharpe.
 Pettusville Circuit, Joseph T. Morris.
 Limestone, Wm. R. Williams.
 Maysville and Pleasant Mound, Julian C. Brown.
 New Market Circuit, Milus E. Johnston.
 Vienna Circuit, John C. Hunkapiller, Robt. T. Bentley.
 Deposit Circuit, John M. Hamer.
 Paint Rock Circuit, Robert S. Scales, James T. Barte, Sup.
 Larkinsville Circuit, Jephthah N. Scott.
 Scottsboro Circuit, Wm. McQueen.
 Stevenson, Reuben J. Wilson.

GUNTERSVILLE DISTRICT.

J. G. Gurley, P. E.

Guntersville Station, John G. Walker.
 Tennessee Valley Circuit, to be supplied (by G. J. Hall).
 Sulphur Springs Circuit, Reuben S. Price.
 Valley Head Circuit, Samuel M. Hosmer, Jas. Cox, Sup.
 Lookout Mountain Mission, W. L. Clifton.
 Cedar Bluff Circuit, Dempsey W. Ward.
 Ambersonville, James A. Neeley.
 Gadsden Station, Thos. G. Slaughter.
 Gadsden Circuit, Perry K. Brindly.
 Attalla Circuit, Sion L. Hill.
 Van Buren Circuit, Wm. C. McCoy, Rufus Nicholson, Sup.
 Bristoe's Cove Circuit, Aaron N. Lowrie.
 Summit Circuit, Benjamin F. Lea.

TALLADEGA DISTRICT.

Daniel Duncan, P. E.

Talladega Station, J. M. Boland.
 Talladega Circuit, Largus R. Bell.
 White Plains and Oxford Station, Robert H. Timmons.
 Alexandria Circuit, Robert G. Reagan.
 Center and Chulafinee Circuit, Edgar W. Jones.
 Jacksonville Station, Henry D. Hill.
 Cross Plains Circuit, Hugh P. Berry.
 Fayetteville, Thos. P. Roberts.
 Harpersville and Columbiana, Cicero L. Dolbs.
 Chandler Springs Circuit, John L. Ferguson.

LA FAYETTE DISTRICT.

Moses L. Whitten, P. E.

La Fayette Station, James L. Brittain.
 Oak Bowery Circuit, Robert F. Mountain.
 Fredonia Circuit, Moses W. Morris.
 Louina Circuit, Robert D. Evans, James M. Towles, Sup.

Weedowee Mission, R. Stripling.
 Arbacoochee, Jesse F. Ellis.
 Lineville Circuit, Uriah Williams.
 Pinckneyville Circuit, Wm. T. Patillo.
 Socapatoy, John B. Gregory.
 Hatchet Creek Mission, to be supplied (by
 Benj. Stewart).
 Dadeville Station, Isaac Q. Melton.
 Dadeville Circuit, John N. Dupree.
 Chattahoochee Mission, Isaac M. Blanton.

BIRMINGHAM DISTRICT.

Anson West, P. E.

Birmingham Station, W. C. Hearn.
 New Castle Circuit, Francis M. Grace.
 Jones's Valley Circuit, John W. Newman.
 Ashville Circuit, Robert J. Sampler, E. B.
 McClellan, Sup.
 Cropwell, Chas. H. Allday.
 Murfree's Valley Circuit, Rufus W. Coons.
 Blountsville Circuit, Crockett Godby.
 Jasper Circuit, James M. Dobbs.
 Tuskaloosa Circuit, Robert T. Blackwell.
 Jonesboro Circuit, Evans Nicholson.
 Elyton Circuit, Benj. G. Blackwell.
 Montevallo Station, Jas. W. Christian.
 Montevallo Circuit, John B. Cole.

TUSKALOOSA DISTRICT.

James L. Coleman, P. E.

Tuskaloosa Station, F. T. J. Brandon.
 North Port Circuit, D. S. McDonald, James T.
 Miller.
 North River Mission, George M. G. Dunkin.
 Fayette Circuit, James E. Andrews.
 Gordo Circuit, George L. W. Anthony.
 Carrollton Circuit, George R. Lynch.
 Fairfield and Memphis, P. L. Henderson.
 Pickensville Circuit, Robert D. Carver.
 Palmetto Circuit, James S. Glasgow.
 Yorkville Circuit, Anderson G. Copeland, J.
 F. Randall, Sup.
 Luxapulila Circuit, Green B. Wilson.
 Vernon Circuit, E. F. S. Roberts.
 Pikeville Mission, Carrol C. O'Neal.
 Bexar Circuit, Cornelius M. Livingston.
 Endowment Fund of Centennial University
 for Young Ladies, B. F. Larrabee, Agent.
 Joseph B. Perkins transferred to Columbia
 Conference.
 L. Parker transferred to North Texas Con-
 ference.
 James D. Anthony transferred to South
 Georgia Conference.
 Elam A. Stevenson transferred to White
 River Conference.

XII.—LOUISIANA CONFERENCE.

HELD AT NEW ORLEANS, LA., December 15-20, 1875.

BISHOP MCTYRE, *President*; CHRISTIAN KEENER, *Secretary*.

QUESTION 1. Who are admitted on trial?

ANSWER. D. A. Boddie, Daniel M. Ward. 2.

Ques. 2. Who remain on trial?

J. F. Patterson, A. Hoffpauier, G. T. Freeman. 3.

Ques. 3. Who are discontinued?

William V. Taylor, at his own request. 1.

Ques. 4. Who are admitted into full connection?

A. E. Clay, J. T. Sawyer, W. B. Whatley. 3.

Ques. 5. Who are readmitted?

Lewis A. Read, R. M. Crowson, Charles W. Hodge. 3.

Ques. 6. Who are received by transfer from other Conferences?

W. E. Munsey. 1.

Ques. 7. Who are the deacons of one year?

A. E. Clay, John T. Sawyer, J. S. White, F. S. Randle, James J. Billingsly, William Hart, John W. Hearne, A. M. Wailes. 8.

Ques. 8. What traveling preachers are elected deacons?

William R. Whatley. 1.

Ques. 9. What traveling preachers are ordained deacons?

William R. Whatley. 1.

Ques. 10. What local preachers are elected deacons?

James W. Madison; for Mexican Mission—Sostnes Juarez, José E. Mota. 3.

Ques. 11. What local preachers are ordained deacons?

None.

Ques. 12. What traveling preachers are elected elders?

Felix G. Hocott, Samuel H. Schroeder. 2.

Ques. 13. What traveling preachers are ordained elders?

Felix G. Hocott, Samuel H. Schroeder. 2.

Ques. 14. What local preachers are elected elders?

Charles W. Hodge. 1.

Ques. 15. What local preachers are ordained elders?

Charles W. Hodge. 1.

Ques. 16. Who are located this year?

None.

Ques. 17. Who are supernumerary?

A. G. Miller, Patrick Lane. 2.

Ques. 18. Who are superannuated?

H. C. Thweatt, John S. Davis, W. E. Doty, Edwin W. Yancey, Philo M. Goodwyn, Joel Saunders, Philip H. Dieffenweirth, John C. Read. 8.

Ques. 19. What preachers have died during the past year?

John Wilkinson. 1.

JOHN WILKINSON was born in Parsonstown, Kings co., Ireland, Aug. 17, 1834, and died in Baton Rouge, La., April 7, 1875. He was blessed with pious parents, and trained up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Alone, and an entire stranger, he arrived in New Orleans twenty-one years ago, in April—the month in which he died—being then not quite twenty-one years of age. He immediately found employment in his occupation as a printer. He promptly presented to the pastor of the Carondelet-street Church his certificate of membership, and entered at once into the privileges and usual activities of the Church. He also identified himself with the Young Men's Christian Association, and became a useful worker. He was married to Miss Lizzie Kent, August, 1859, by the Rev. Joshua Heard. For some time before the war he was foreman of the New Orleans *Christian Advocate* office. On the outbreak of the war, his sympathies were with the people of the South, and he entered into the Confederate service in an artillery company raised in Copiah co., Miss. He was in the long and severe siege of Port Hudson, where he met great perils and endured exhausting privation and suffering. On the fall of that post he was paroled. After the expiration of his parole he went into the service in the cavalry. A vacancy occurring, he was elected by his comrades their captain. He was then detailed for the protection of the country back of Vicksburg and along the western boundary of Middle Mississippi. As a soldier, he was brave, faithful, and pure. As an officer, he was impartial and diligent, winning the respect and love of all in his command. At the close of the great struggle he returned to New Orleans. Our church-edifices were then held by the Methodist Episcopal Church, North; so we organized in the Unitarian Church, kindly lent us. Brother Wilkinson was considered the most suitable man, and was appointed Superintendent of the Sabbath-school, a position he filled with eminent ability, satisfaction, and usefulness. He also resumed his

place as foreman of the printing-office of the New Orleans *Christian Advocate*. He was an accomplished artist as a printer, and filled the place of foreman with great efficiency. He felt that he was called of God, and moved by the Holy Ghost to take on him the office and work of the ministry, and began to study for his great life-calling with untiring diligence. He was recommended to the Quarterly Conference for license to preach, and was unanimously elected. Brother Wilkinson was one of those who had the hearty outward call of the Church, as well as the inward call of God, to the work of the ministry. All seemed to recognize his eminent fitness for the sacred calling. The Louisiana Conference, with equal unanimity, received him, and he was appointed to Opelousas Station, which he filled three years with ever-increasing usefulness and acceptability. At the close of his third year, while at Shreveport, attending the session of the Annual Conference, his beloved and faithful wife was taken from him and his four motherless children. At the close of this Conference, Bishop McTyeire read out the name of John Wilkinson for Shreveport. There seemed to be a murmur of applause and approval all over the Conference floor. All seemed to feel and confess the eminent adaptation of the man for the place. He spent four years in Shreveport—years of intense study, pastoral labor, and ever-increasing acceptability as a preacher. In May, 1871, he was united in marriage with Miss Mollie Keener, daughter of Bishop Keener, with whom he lived nearly four happy years in the unalloyed bliss of wedded love. The last year of his pastorate in Shreveport, that city was visited with epidemic yellow fever, which, for virulence and mortality, was scarcely ever surpassed in the history of plagues and pestilences. While hundreds of all classes fled or fell, Brother Wilkinson, with the same undaunted heroism with which he had faced death upon the battle-field, faced the pestilence that walketh in darkness and wasteth at noon-day, until his exhausted strength succumbed to the deadly miasm. But God raised him up, and, when but feeble, he went forth again on his errands of mercy, nursing, comforting, counseling, and providing. Many there will rise up and call him blessed. Had not the itinerant law removed him at the end of four years, the loving hands of the people of Shreveport would have held him with an unrelaxing grasp. Brother Wilkinson's next and last field of labor was Baton Rouge. Here he was the same blameless Christian, diligent student, faithful pastor, son of consolation, and popular preacher, that he had ever been; only all this was magnified and intensified by constant growth in every spiritual, social, and ministerial excellence. Brother Wilkinson was gifted far above the average, but he was studious, and his natural endowments were diligently and successfully cultivated. As an English scholar he had no superior among us in thoroughness, accuracy, and polish. He

was also diligently prosecuting linguistic studies. In his pulpit preparations he was accurate and complete. The oil which he used in the sanctuary was well beaten. As a preacher he was clear, instructive, spiritual, and impressive. He had superior elocutionary gifts, and used them with happy effect. He was a delightful companion, genial and cheerful. He had almost a feminine modesty and refinement. His esthetic tastes were exquisite; he reveled in the love of the beautiful. We have never known a man of more singleness of aim or saintliness of character. Not long before he died, he preached a sermon on the "Resurrection." His bereaved wife says his talk in the last months and weeks of his earthly life had an increasing spirituality and heavenliness. His last earthly work was to write an address to be delivered to a thousand children in Carondelet-street Church, New Orleans, at the District Conference, and his theme was, "I want to be an angel." How soon he realized that wish! Did not these early buds and songs indicate that the vernal glories of immortality were near? He came from his study after writing this Sabbath-school address, exhausted, took to his bed, and never left it more. He was attacked with pneumonia, terminating on the brain. His talk was heavenly and beautiful. While in a state of semi-delirium he was in delightful fellowship with the angels; the theme of his last writing still floating like a beautiful vision before his mental eye. His sickness and death produced a profound impression upon the Church and community of Baton Rouge. The church, at his funeral, was draped in sable and adorned with flowers, and crowded with representatives of all classes, who wept and sobbed in tender sympathy with the solemn scene. At his grave the Sunday-school children, weeping, sang "The Beautiful River," "I Want to be an Angel" and "Over There, Over There." Brother Wilkinson lived well on earth, and now he has gone to the home of the godly and the good. He had a bright earthly future. Had he lived he would have attained to great eminence and honor. We can ill spare him, but the Lord had need of him. His will be done. May his divine benediction and comfort rest upon the bereaved!

Ques. 20. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?

Their names were called over, one by one, and their characters examined and passed, except Thomas Mullett, withdrawn.

Ques. 21. What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations, and missions of the Conference?

New Orleans District.

	White Mem's.	Col'd Mem's.	Loc'l Pr's.
New Orleans:			
Carondelet Street.....	500	2	2
Felicity Street.....	410	4	1

New Orleans District (continued).

	White Mem's.	Col'd Mem's.	Loc'l Pr's.
New Orleans:			
Moreau Street.....	117		
Cadiz Street and Carrollton.....	73		1
Louisiana Avenue.....	88		1
Algiers.....	95		
Lafourche.....	15		
Baton Rouge.....	188		
Plaquemine and Grosse Tete.....	27		
	1513	6	5

Delhi District.

Monroe.....	75		
Trenton.....	184	4	3
Bastrop.....	129		1
Lind Grove.....	266		1
Oak Ridge.....	83	1	
Beauff River.....	154		
Winnshoro.....	400		2
Waterproof and St. Joseph.....	78		
Tensas.....	87	3	1
Delhi.....	130		4
Lake Providence and Pecan Grove.....	51		1
Floyd.....	215		4
Cothron Mission.....	70		
	1924	8	17

Homer District.

Homer.....	250		1
Lisbon.....	350		1
Haynesville.....	470		2
Minden.....	290		1
Sparta.....	230		3
Arcadia.....	250		1
Vernon.....	500		2
Castor.....	410	6	4
Louisville.....	170		1
Downsville.....	410		1
Farmerville.....	300		4
	3630	6	21

Shreveport District.

Shreveport.....	156		
Caddo.....	235		2
De Soto.....	204		
Mansfield and Pleasant Hill.....	213		1
Natchitoches.....	78		
Many and Beulah.....	314		1
Anacoco.....	462	22	7
Springville.....	200		2
Webster.....	206		
South Bossier.....			
North Bossier.....	119		1
	2187	22	14

Alexandria District.

Pineville and Alexandria.....	90	20	2
Rapides.....	450		
Montgomery.....	389	14	3
Harrisonburg and Sicily Island.....	90		1
Centerville.....	250	20	1
Trinity.....	44	1	
Little River Mission.....	62		
Columbia.....	140		
Caldwell.....	250		3
Dugdemona.....			
	1765	55	10

Opelousas District.

Opelousas.....	143		1
Washington & Plaquemine Bruslee..	255		
Vermillionville.....	94		1
Abbeville.....	450		
New Iberia.....	252		
Franklin.....	108		
Pattersonville and Brashear.....	74		1

Opelousas District (continued).

	White Mem's.	Col'd Mem's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Lake Charles.....	70	.....	1
Grand Cheniere.....	106	30	.....
Chicot and Ville Platte.....	40	.....	.....
Spring Creek.....	175	.....	2
Evergreen and Big Cane.....	207	.....	1
Sugar Town.....	277	.....	.....
Bayou Beuff.....	40	.....	.....
	2291	30	7

Recapitulation.

New Orleans District.....	1513	6	5
Delhi	1924	8	17
Homer	3630	6	21
Shreveport	2187	22	14
Alexandria	1765	55	10
Opelousas	2291	30	8
Total this year.....	13,310	127	75
Total last year	12,362	94	90
Increase	948	33	15
Decrease			

Ques. 22. How many infants have been baptized during the year?
683.

Ques. 23. How many adults have been baptized during the year?
689.

Ques. 24. What is the number of Sunday-schools?
119.

Ques. 25. What is the number of Sunday-school teachers?
778.

Ques. 26. What is the number of Sunday-school scholars?
4896.

Ques. 27. What amount is necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers?
\$2,030.

Ques. 28. What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied?

Collected, \$1,678 80. Applied to claimants.

Ques. 29. What has been contributed for missions?

Foreign Missions,	\$2,406 85
Domestic Missions,	835 40
	<hr/> \$3,242 25

Ques. 30. Where shall the next session of the Conference be held?

At Trenton, La.

Ques. 31. Where are the preachers stationed this year?

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT.

J. B. Walker, P. E.

New Orleans:

Carondelet Street, John Mathews.

Felicity, J. B. Walker.

St. Charles, W. E. Munsey.

Moreau Street, John T. Sawyer.

Louisiana Avenue, Linus Parker.

Algiers, to be supplied (by H. Werlein).

Lafourche Mission, Lewis A. Reed.

Baton Rouge, C. Keener.

Plaquemine, to be supplied.

Editor of New Orleans *Christian Advocate*, L. Parker.

New Orleans Depository, R. J. Harp.

South-western Bible Society, James A. Ivy.

DELHI DISTRICT.

Charles W. Carter, P. E.

Monroe, R. S. Trippett.

Trenton, H. O. White.

Bastrop, W. P. Owen.

Lind Grove, T. S. Randle.

Oak Ridge, N. S. Cornell.

Rayville, J. L. Wright.

Winnsboro, Albert M. Wailes, T. J. Freeman, jr.

Waterproof and St. Joseph, B. Clegg.

Tensas, W. Hart.

Delhi, B. F. Alexander.

Lake Providence and Pecan Grove, to be supplied.

Floyd, Thomas H. McClendon.

HOMER DISTRICT.

John A. Miller, P. E.

Homer, J. M. McKee.

Lisbon, W. P. Kimball.

Haynesville, T. J. Upton.

Minden, M. C. Manley.

Sparta, J. F. Patterson.

Arcadia, C. W. Hodge.

Vernon, J. L. Borden.

Indian Village, R. Parvin.

Louisville, W. R. Whatley.

Downsville, F. G. Hocott.

{ Farmerville, J. W. Hearne.

{ Marion, R. T. Parish.

SHREVEPORT DISTRICT.

Joel T. Daves, P. E.

Shreveport, A. E. Goodwyn.

Mooringsport, R. Randle.

Caddo, to be supplied (by John Cassidy).

De Soto, John Pipes.

Mansfield, J. M. Brown.

Pleasant Hill, J. M. Franklin.

Natchitoches, J. S. White.

Natchitoches Circuit, to be supplied (by W. J. Atwood).

Anacoco and Leesville, James Owens.

Springville, Jesse Fulton.

Webster, R. M. Crowson.

South Bossier, G. M. Liverman.

North Bossier, P. Allen.

ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT.

S. H. Cooper, P. E.

Alexandria and Pineville, J. W. Medlock.

Rapides, to be supplied (by Pearce Shephard).

Montgomery, D. A. Boddie.

Harrisonburg and Sicily Island, J. H. Stone.

Centerville, C. R. Godfrey.

Caldwell, George Jackson.

Columbia, John T. Wynn.

Saline, T. S. Collier.

Colfax, H. M. Ragan.

OPELOUSAS DISTRICT.

James E. Cobb, P. E.

Opelousas, Samuel H. Schroeder.

Washington, R. S. Isbell.

Vermillionville, R. A. Davis.

Grand Coteau, John V. Pointer.

Abbeville, Abel Hoffpauier.

New Iberia, B. F. White.

Franklin, J. F. Scurlock.

Pattersonville and Brashear, A. E. Clay.

{ Lake Charles, J. J. Billingsly.

{ Grand Cheniere, to be supplied.

Sugar Town, D. M. Ward.

Bayou Bœuff, F. White.

Spring Creek, J. M. Johnson.

Calcasieu, to be supplied (by W. B. Pilley).

Evergreen, J. D. Harper.

Simmsport, Enos B. Foust.

R. H. Adair, S. S. Scott, transferred to North-west Texas Conference.

XIII.—MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE.

HELD AT CANTON, MISS., December 15–21, 1875.

BISHOP MARVIN, *President*; C. G. ANDREWS, *Secretary*.

QUESTION 1. Who are admitted on trial?

ANSWER. Malachi B. Sharbrough, D. Webster McLean, Harry B. Denham, Green W. Brown, William D. Dominick. 5.

Ques. 2. Who remain on trial?

V. Hicks Nelson, Beverly Carradine, Thomas W. Adams, Clarence J. Phillips, Joseph Q. Hicks, Charles W. Reed, Curtis D. Cecil, Rufin T. Davis, Wm. W. Hopper. 9.

Ques. 3. Who are discontinued?

John A. Guice, R. F. Flowers, E. Burkhalter, J. W. Hall, C. A. Powell. 5.

Ques. 4. Who are admitted into full connection?

Daniel C. Langford, Charles R. Benson, Duncan A. Little, Lewis R. Featherstun, Thomas B. Holloman, Alex. L. McBride, J. Ritchey. 7.

Ques. 5. Who are readmitted?

John Lusk. 1.

Ques. 6. Who are received by transfer from other Conferences?

Ambrose M. Barrington, E. E. Hamilton, from the North Mississippi Conference; R. S. Woodward, from the Alabama Conference. 3. Also, George W. Davidson, an elder, from the Baptist Church.

Ques. 7. Who are the deacons of one year?

John W. Ellison, Joseph B. K. Smith, James W. McLaurin, Thomas S. West, in elder's orders, Ralph Bradley, Calvin C. Watkins. 6.

Ques. 8. What traveling preachers are elected deacons?

Daniel C. Langford, Charles R. Benson, John Ritchey, Lewis R. Featherstun, Duncan A. Little. 5.

Ques. 9. What traveling preachers are ordained deacons?

Daniel C. Langford, Charles R. Benson, John Ritchey, Lewis R. Featherstun, Duncan A. Little. 5.

Ques. 10. What local preachers are elected deacons?

Henry S. Gunn. 1.

Ques. 11. What local preachers are ordained deacons?

Benjamin L. Spruill. 1.

Ques. 12. What traveling preachers are elected elders?

James J. Smylie, Ulysses B. Phillips, David A. Givens. 3.

Ques. 13. What traveling preachers are ordained elders?

James J. Smylie, Ulysses B. Phillips, David A. Givens. 8.

Ques. 14. What local preachers are elected elders?

John R. Cox. 1.

Ques. 15. What local preachers are ordained elders?

None.

Ques. 16. Who are located this year?

Henry Moore, George M. Gilmore, John W. Hall. 3.

Ques. 17. Who are supernumerary?

Ephraim A. Flowers, John A. Vance, Pinckney A. Johnson. 3.

Ques. 18. Who are superannuated?

James Shanks, Joseph Nicholson, Andrew Day, E. R. Strickland, William Spillman, John G. Jones, Barnabas Pipkin, John B. Higginbotham, Wm. Finn, Hervey Copeland, Levi Pearce, James Long, Jesse McKay. 18.

Ques. 19. What preachers have died during the past year?

Thomas Clinton, William McCormick. 2.

THOMAS CLINTON was born, of Irish parentage, in the city of Philadelphia, Pa., January, 1793, and died in St. Helena Parish, La., October 28, 1875. In his childhood and youth he was, truly, a child of providence, as he was in all his after life, a child of grace. His parents were brought up Roman Catholics, but were awakened and brought to Christ through the instrumentality of the Methodists, and united with the Methodist Episcopal Church, and had their two children, Thomas, and an older sister, dedicated to God in holy baptism. During the summer or autumn after his birth, his parents died with yellow fever, so near the same hour that they were interred in the same grave in the cemetery of the church where they held their membership. He received this information from the friend who took him from the couch on which his mother had just breathed her last, while his father was dying on another couch near by. We regret that we have not the name of this friend, but presume she was the wife of the man who became his guardian and brought him up, until he was old enough to be apprenticed to a brick-mason to learn the trade. In 1797 his sister also died with yellow fever, and left him without a known relative on earth. The family that adopted him in helpless infancy were Methodists, and brought him up under the restraints of religion. We infer from what we have heard him say that their discipline was rather too exacting, for on one occasion he was so severely reprimanded for a childish misdemeanor that a feeling of despondency came over him at the thought of making any farther effort to be good, and he was strongly tempted to end his troubles by drowning himself in a well, but was restrained by an unseen hand. This is the fault of too many parents and guardians—they reprimand the indiscretions of childhood severely, where only instruction and encouragement are necessary. The family that had him in charge, after the epidemic of 1797, in which his sister died, left Philadelphia and lived a short time in Baltimore, and afterward in New York, and about 1800 moved to Charleston, South Carolina, where he spent most of his youth. We infer from a memorandum he left that his guardian, after putting him to learn a trade, moved elsewhere, as he refers to a correspondence with him on the subject of his religious feelings and purposes. He took no very decided step in religion until he was fifteen years of age. The South Carolina Conference held an annual session in Charleston, commencing the 28th of December, 1807. The 2nd of January, 1808, was set apart for the ordination service in the famous old Bethel Church, six deacons and five elders having been elected to orders. Youthful curiosity, he said, led him to be present. We presume the ordination sermon was preached on the apostolic commission, "Go ye into all the world, and preach

the gospel to every creature," for this was the text that was made effectual in his awakening. He then and there resolved, at any cost, to become a true Christian, and immediately wrote to his guardian, who had always set a good example before him, of his purpose. His faithful friend replied very encouragingly, calling his attention to the fact that his parents had been rescued from the dangerous errors of Romanism by Methodist preaching, had united with the Methodist Church, and, after having him dedicated to God in holy baptism, had died in the faith, and then added: "How your parents would rejoice to see you preach that gospel to others which had been effectual in their salvation. Tom, are you willing to be a fool for Christ's sake? You may never be permitted to thump a velvet cushion, but in the highways you may tell to others what the Lord has done for you." From his first awakening he had an impression that if he obtained heart-felt religion he would have to preach the gospel, and the letter of his guardian tended to confirm this impression. He hesitated, and then determined to shun this duty if possible to do so without losing his soul. His plan was to seek and obtain religion out of the Church, and after that determine what to do about preaching. He said he almost adored the Methodist preachers, often went to the altar for the prayers of the Church, was often much encouraged in private prayer, which he loved, read the Bible and the standard works of the Church, but for ten long, dreary years adhered to his purpose to be religious out of the Church. During this time he had no assurance of his acceptance in Christ, and finally became very despondent about his salvation, and feared he would finally be lost, until one day at table he heard a pious lady make some remarks which cheered him with the assurance that there was salvation for him as soon as he abandoned his own terms, and surrendered his whole heart to God. He hastened to make the surrender, and obtained a bright, overwhelming evidence of his acceptance in Christ Jesus. He was at once wholly given up to the impulses of his new-born soul. He had already become acquainted with the theory of entire sanctification as taught and explained by Mr. Wesley and other writers of our Church, and at once became all athirst for the blessing. In a few days he had believed and entered into the enjoyment of perfect love, and, long years after, we have heard him say in love-feast, if he should apostatize and finally be lost, he should be compelled to acknowledge to all eternity that he had obtained the blessing of a clean heart and the enjoyment of perfect love soon after his original justification. At this interesting period Mr. Clinton was living in Augusta, Ga., where he united with the Church under the pastorate of the Rev. Samuel Dunwoody, who, as soon as it could be done legally, appointed him class-leader, and, upon the recommendation of the Society, licensed him to exhort. He now admitted his call to preach, and was soon after, under the Presiding Eldership of the Rev.

Samuel K. Hodges, licensed by the Quarterly Conference, and recommended for admission into the itinerancy. At a session of the South Carolina Conference held in Charleston, commencing January 13, 1820, he was admitted on trial, and the Bishop, wanting two volunteer missionaries for the Mississippi Conference—which then included Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana—Nicholas McIntyre and Thomas Clinton offered their services and were accepted. They were appointed to Tombekbee Circuit, but the services of Mr. Clinton not being so much needed there, Thomas Griffin, the Presiding Elder of the Alabama District, sent him, as the junior of Thomas Nixon, to the Alabama Circuit. This circuit was in the valley of the Alabama River, was a six weeks' circuit and six hundred miles around, with daily preaching throughout the week, with occasional night appointments. Many of the settlers having just moved in that winter, before their provision crops were sufficiently matured for use, provisions became very scarce, so that our missionaries sometimes had to make a meal of immature roasting-ears and green pumpkins, served up as squash, and their horses had to subsist on the native grasses. But Mr. Clinton was zealous, active, and happy in his work. Of the twenty-seven years of his effective ministry, he spent five on large circuits in Alabama, one in South-western Louisiana, and the remainder of his life was spent in South-western Mississippi and the eastern parishes of Louisiana. Of the fifty-six years of his ministerial life, eighteen were spent on circuits, five on Wilkinson colored mission, and four on Districts. The remaining twenty-nine years he was on the supernumerary roll, but most of the time doing active service in the Churches within his reach. In person, Mr. Clinton was quite under the size of ordinary men, his standing weight being only about 110 pounds; but he was compactly built and well proportioned, and, in the prime of manhood, was capable of great endurance, both in preaching and traveling. He was light-complexioned, had an oval face and long nose, and a countenance, when animated, expressive of great earnestness and indomitable courage. Though small in person, in all the effective years of his ministry, he had a clear, round, and manly voice. He was a close and successful student, confining himself mainly to what pertained to his calling as a traveling Methodist preacher, and became one of the best theologians in our Conference. In his earlier years his ministry was one of reproof, admonition, warning, and earnest exhortation, and many of his sermons were terrible to all moral delinquents and transgressors. In his later years he dwelt more on the domestic and social duties of Christians, with their heaven-born privileges and glorious prospects. In private life he was very exact and exemplary in attending to every duty, such as private and family prayer, reading the Scriptures, and the instruction and proper government of his children and servants. In January, 1828, he married Miss A. L. Hanna, a well-

educated and deeply pious young lady, who was every way well qualified to be the household companion of an itinerant preacher. She became the mother of ten children—one died in infancy and five others in early manhood and womanhood. The last death was that of his youngest living son, who was a very promising young lawyer, of firm, outspoken piety, who was foully murdered by a negro acting as a stealthy highway robber. His only surviving son, Thomas Clinton, now a promising lawyer in New Orleans, has informed us that he arrived at home in time to be present at the first family worship after the murder of the missing son had been ascertained. At the usual time in the evening the family was assembled, and the venerable patriarch led the devotions. First, in humble and confiding accents, he addressed God as "Our Father in heaven," and then plaintively recited the many sore bereavements which he, in his infinite wisdom and goodness, had seen best to lay on them in the early death of their children, but this last sad event was more afflicting than all that had previously occurred. Their other children had been permitted to die in peace at home, but this dear one, after being mortally wounded by the lurking assassin and robber, had been left alone to die a lingering death in the woods; but, amidst all these sad bereavements, they had the infinite satisfaction of knowing that all their dear departed ones had died in Christ, and were now

Far from a world of grief and sin,
With God eternally shut in.

As he advanced in his prayer, his faith grew stronger, he began to see the bright side of the dark cloud, his soul finally became triumphant, his voice gracefully rose to its primitive tones, and flowed off in manly eloquence that moved every heart and moistened every eye. We have repeatedly heard Father Clinton say that he carried in his breast the comforting assurance that all of his children would ultimately be saved. Up to this date there is every prospect that this fond hope will be realized. Of his five children who have died in adult age, one, the Rev. George H. Clinton, was an eminent minister, and the other four were all very lovely and consistent members of the Church many years before their death. The four surviving ones are also members of the Church, and, we have good hope, will be well prepared in the end of life's journey to reunite with the family above. After the lamented death of James, the four surviving children, all of whom had homes of their own elsewhere, thought it unsafe for their parents, in their extreme old age, to remain at the old homestead in St. Helena Parish, Louisiana, and made arrangements for them to live in the family of their son-in-law, the Rev. William E. Ballard, of the Mississippi Conference, at Beauregard, Miss. They were removed to that place about the last of March, 1875. While there Father Clinton was active in all the duties of the ministry so far as his age and feebleness would permit.

He often preached with much feeling and power, and his sermons were highly appreciated both at Beauregard and Wesson. He interested himself in the Sabbath-schools, and was a great favorite among the children. He often visited and conversed with his neighbors about their spiritual interest, and seemed intent on doing good in every way he could. He was a cheerful, happy old saint. As the summer advanced he became more feeble, and about the last of July requested to be taken back near his family cemetery, as he felt that his end was nigh, that he might sleep with his children until the resurrection of the just. He was taken to the residence of the Rev. Barnabas Pipkin, his brother-in-law, where, about the first of October, he took his bed and died on the 28th. He had grown to maturity in Christian experience. His whole moral nature had become so transformed into the divine nature that he seemed to belong more to heaven than earth. He repeatedly gave every assurance that all was bright and inviting before him. Before his death he suffered greatly from the character of his disease, but in paroxysms of acute suffering he was often triumphantly happy. He retained the use of his intellectual faculties to the last, though his speech failed several days before his death. He seemed to be wrapped up in heavenly visions. On one occasion he was looking upward with intense interest, while his countenance was all aglow with a smile of heavenly origin. One of the family asked him what he was looking at. With a great effort he indistinctly whispered, "Angels." He then threw out his hand as though he were shaking hands with persons around the bed, with a countenance indicating unspeakable joy. Among his last utterances he said to his wife that his peace was perfect. Thus passed triumphantly away one of the most consistent Christians and faithful ministers we have ever known.

WILLIAM McCORMICK was born in South Carolina, October 27, 1796, and died at his residence in Jasper county, Miss., June 24, 1875. Brother McCormick embraced religion and united with the Methodist Episcopal Church in April, 1820, and was ever after a most exemplary and zealous Christian. For reasons which he thought justified the step, he united with the Methodist Protestant Church, but showed no abatement of his love for Christ and his cause. From the time of his conversion he felt moved by the Spirit to preach the gospel, but a naturally timid disposition, and the claims of a growing family, for several years, afforded him a plausible excuse for shunning this duty. After the lapse of nearly twenty years, he became thoroughly awakened to the importance of entering the ministry without farther delay. Being now several years in advance of forty, he felt that what he did must be done quickly. He was accordingly licensed to preach in the autumn of 1839, and after being an active and zealous local preacher two years, he entered the itinerancy of the Methodist Protestant

Church, and for many years labored faithfully, acceptably, and usefully on the large circuits in the south-eastern part of Mississippi, until his health failed, when he was first placed on the supernumerary roll and afterward on the superannuated. When the Methodist Protestant Conference, of which he was an honored member, united with the Mississippi Conference, he cheerfully became a member of our body, and remained with us in a superannuated relation until his peaceful and triumphant death. His consistent and deeply pious life is a beautiful and impressive illustration of our holy Christianity, while his industry in cultivating his mind and attending to all his ministerial and pastoral duties is worthy the imitation of all his co-laborers.

Ques. 20. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?

Their names were called over, one by one, and their characters examined and passed, except A. Y. Davis, who was dropped from the roll, at his own request.

Ques. 21. What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations, and missions of the Conference?

Jackson District.

	White Mem's.	Col'd Mem's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Jackson Station.....	230		
Brownsville.....	160		
Vernon Mission.....	92		
Madison.....	63		1
Canton Station.....	175		
Sharon.....	180		3
Camden and Soule Chapel.....	117		
Thomastown.....	185		3
Carthage.....	307		3
Dover.....	145		1
Yazoo.....	284		4
Yazoo City Station.....	130		
Silver Creek.....	14		
	2082		15

Vicksburg District.

Vicksburg Station.....	250	1
North Warren.....	230	3
Mill Dale and Cane Ridge.....		
Sunflower Mission.....	12	
South Warren.....	99	1
Cayuga.....	100	3
Rocky Springs.....	242	
Port Gibson Station.....	115	
Fayette.....	400	4
Natchez Station.....	195	
Kingston.....		
Clover Hill.....	47	
Mt. Olivet.....	209	2
Rolling Fork.....	120	2
	1999	16

Woodville District.

Woodville Station.....	123	1
Buffalo Circuit.....	263	
Bayou Sara.....	151	1
Wilkinson.....	254	2
Jackson, La., and Pipkin's Chapel..	256	8
East Feliciana.....	295	1
Clinton, La., Station.....	89	1
	1431	14

Summit District.

	White Mem's.	Col'd Mem's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Summit.....	193	.....	3
Magnolia.....	166	.....	1
China Grove.....	195	.....	.....
Franklinton.....	137	.....	1
Covington Mission.....	150	.....	.....
Amité City.....	200	.....	.....
Hammond.....	.....	.....	.....
Union.....	304	.....	2
St. Helena.....	256	.....	1
Amité.....	369	.....	4
East Baton Rouge.....	309	.....	1
Meadville.....	323	.....	2
Homochitto.....	174	.....	2
Monticello Mission.....	118	.....	3
	2894	.....	20

Brookhaven District.

Brookhaven Station.....	170	.....	3
Beauregard.....	266	.....	1
Scotland.....	265	.....	2
Brandywine.....	402	.....	2
Hazlehurst Station.....	127	.....	1
Providence.....	279	.....	4
Zion Mission.....	124	.....	1
Georgetown.....	222	.....	1
Crystal Springs Station.....	317	.....	3
Raymond.....	133	.....	1
Spring Ridge.....	155	.....	.....
	2460	.....	19

Brandon District.

Brandon Station.....	132	.....	1
Fannin.....	475	.....	1
Garlandsville.....	203	.....	1
Raleigh.....	352	.....	1
Trenton.....	260	.....	2
Strong River Mission.....	26	.....	.....
Morton Circuit.....	254	.....	.....
Hillsboro.....	241	.....	3
Walnut Grove.....	360	.....	8
Centerville.....	315	.....	6
Decatur Mission.....	64	.....	.....
Forest and Lake.....	297	.....	2
Philadelphia.....	318	.....	1
	3297	.....	26

Meridian District.

Meridian Station.....	230	.....	2
De Kalb.....	337	.....	1
Spring Hill.....	504	.....	4
Marion.....	680	.....	5
Enterprise Station.....	120	.....	1
Enterprise Circuit.....	198	.....	2
Chunky.....	283	.....	2
De Soto.....	337	.....	3
Shubuta.....	175	.....	1
Ellisville Mission.....	101	.....	.....
Waynesboro.....	200	.....	.....
Wayne.....	554	.....	4
Paulding.....	507	.....	4
	4226	.....	29

Sea-shore District.

Mt. Carmel.....	400	.....	1
Westville.....	99	.....	2
Taylorville Mission.....	137	.....	4
Rankin.....	415	.....	3
Columbia.....	121	.....	.....
Pearlington.....	103	.....	.....
Handsboro Mission.....	52	.....	1
Ocean Springs Station.....	51	.....	1
White Plains.....	325	.....	6
Black Creek Mission.....	.....	.....	.....
Enon.....	125	.....	4
East Pascagoula.....	268	.....	1
Chickasaha and Green Mission.....	269	.....	.....
	2365	.....	23

Recapitulation.

	White Mem's.	Col'd Mem's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Jackson District.....	2082	.....	15
Vicksburg ".....	1999	.....	16
Woodville ".....	1451	.....	14
Summit ".....	2894	.....	20
Brookhaven ".....	2460	.....	19
Brandon ".....	3297	.....	26
Meridian ".....	4226	.....	29
Sea-shore ".....	2365	.....	23
Total this year.....	20,754	.....	162
Total last year.....	20,589	28	165
Increase.....	165	.....	.....
Decrease.....	.....	26	3

Ques. 22. How many infants have been baptized during the year?
797.

Ques. 23. How many adults have been baptized during the year?
772.

Ques. 24. What is the number of Sunday-schools?
175.

Ques. 25. What is the number of Sunday-school teachers?
1067.

Ques. 26. What is the number of Sunday-school scholars?
6474.

Ques. 27. What amount is necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers?
\$3,600.

Ques. 28. What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied?

Collected,	\$2,658 60
Applied as follows:	
Bishops,	1,000 00
Mrs. Vernon Johnson,	60 00
Mrs. D. Dawson,	30 00
Mrs. Thompson and children,	105 00
Mrs. Thomas Clinton,	60 00
Mrs. D. Wiggins and child,	30 00
Mrs. W. W. Drake and children,	90 00
Mrs. R. J. Jones and children,	90 00
Mrs. Redding and children,	120 00
Mrs. L. Campbell,	60 00
Mrs. B. Cooper,	30 00
Jas. Long and wife,	70 00
J. B. Higginbotham,	60 00
Mrs. Deborah Johnson,	15 00
Mrs. B. M. Drake,	60 00
Mrs. N. C. Haney,	60 00
Mrs. Herbert,	30 00
Mrs. Wm. McCormick,	30 00
J. G. Jones and wife,	60 00
Mrs. Thomas Nixon,	60 00
Wm. Finn and wife,	60 00
R. W. Lambuth's child,	15 00
D. N. Wadsworth's child,	15 00
P. E. Green's two children,	60 00
Brother Sim's child,	30 00
Jas. Shanks,	60 00

Brought forward,	\$2,360 00
Mrs. Hardy Mullins,	15 00
J. Nicholson,	60 00
Barnabas Pipkin,	60 00
Jesse McKay and family,	42 00
Andrew Day,	30 00
Mrs. Berry and children,	90 00
Surplus,	1 60
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	\$2,658 60

Ques. 29. What has been contributed for missions?

\$3,295 30.

Ques. 30. Where shall the next session of the Conference be held?

At Natchez, Miss.

Ques. 31. Where are the preachers stationed this year?

JACKSON DISTRICT.

Wm. B. Hines, P. E.

Jackson Station, Charles B. Galloway.
 Madison, Beverly Carradine.
 Sharon, Ralph Bradley.
 Thomastown Mission, Joseph Q. Hicks.
 Camden and Soule Chapel, Warren C. Black.
 Carthage, Levi P. Meador.
 Dover, V. Hicks Nelson.
 Yazoo, James H. Shelton.
 Yazoo City Station, Robert D. Norsworthy.
 Vernon Mission, William D. Dominick.
 Silver Creek, Green W. Brown.
 Brownsville, Francis M. Williams.
 Canton, Wm. E. M. Linfield.
 Missionary to China, James W. Lambuth.
 Special Agent of Publishing House, Richard Abbey.

VICKSBURG DISTRICT.

Francis M. Featherstun, P. E.

Vicksburg Station, Wm. H. Watkins.
 { North Warren, John W. Ellison.
 { Mill Dale and Cane Ridge, James S. Harris.
 { Sunflower Mission, to be supplied (by J. S. Hutton).
 Clover Hill, Thomas B. Holloman.
 Rolling Fork, H. Walter Featherstun.
 South Warren, Daniel A. J. Parker.
 Mt. Olivet, Andrew B. Stewart.
 Rocky Springs, Lewis R. Featherstun.
 Cayuga, Charles F. Gillespie.
 Port Gibson, Edwin H. Mounger.
 Fayette, W. Bryant Lewis, Chas. W. Reed.
 Kingston, to be supplied (by T. W. Brown).
 Natchez, William L. C. Hunnicutt.
 Port Gibson Collegiate Academy, John A. B. Jones, President.

WOODVILLE DISTRICT.

Jas. L. Forsyth, P. E.

Woodville Station, to be supplied.
 Wilkinson, Daniel C. Langford.
 Buffalo, James S. Parker.
 Bayou Sara, Curtis D. Cecil.

Jackson, La., and Pipkin's Chapel, C. Green Andrews.
 Clinton Station, James W. McLaurin.
 East Feliciana, Newton B. Young.
 Centenary College of Louisiana, C. G. Andrews, President.

SUMMIT DISTRICT.

James A. Godfrey, P. E.

Summit, Ira B. Robertson.
 Magnolia, Henry P. Lewis.
 China Grove, J. Wesley Sandell.
 Franklinton, Ruffin T. Davis.
 Covington, Malachi B. Sharbrough.
 Amite City, George F. Thompson.
 Hammond Mission, Charles R. Benson.
 St. Helena, George W. Davidson.
 Amite, John Ritchey, D. Webster McLean.
 East Baton Rouge, Thomas W. Adams.
 Meadville, Calvin C. Watkins, Ephraim A. Flowers, Sup.
 Port Vincent, Harry P. Denham.
 Bogue Chitto, Parmenas Howard.

BROOKHAVEN DISTRICT.

Henderson H. Montgomery, P. E.

Brookhaven Station, Joshua T. Heard.
 Beauregard and Wesson, William E. Ballard.
 Scotland, John Lusk.
 Brandywine, Columbus W. Campbell.
 Hazlehurst Station, James M. Weems.
 Providence, Bascom T. Pearson.
 Georgetown, Archibald B. Nicholson.
 Crystal Springs Station, Ambrose M. Barrington, P. A. Johnson, Sup.
 Dry Grove, Henry J. Harris.
 Raymond, Elisha F. Mullins.
 Spring Ridge, David W. Dillehay.
 Bayou Pierre, William Wadsworth.
 Whitworth Female College, Harvey F. Johnson, President.

BRANDON DISTRICT.

Will. H. Leith, P. E.

Brandon Station, R. S. Woodward.
 Fannin, Walter W. Hurst.
 Raleigh, John H. Evans.
 Morton, James J. Smylie.
 Philadelphia, Daniel G. W. Ellis.
 Lake, Claiborne McDonald.
 Trenton, Jacob H. Holland.
 Forest, Robert A. Sibley.
 Hickory, John D. Hays.
 Walnut Grove, B. Jones, John A. Vance, Sup.
 Pelahatchie, John N. Williams.
 Union Mission, Lyman Carley.
 Newton, Joseph B. K. Smith.

MERIDIAN DISTRICT.

John A. Ellis, P. E.

Meridian Station, Ransom J. Jones.
 De Kalb, Andrew J. Coleman.
 Marion, Thomas Y. Armstrong.
 Enterprise Station, Ulysses B. Phillips.
 Enterprise Mission, Thomas B. Walden.

Quitman, Alexander L. McBryde.
 Shubuta, Thomas S. West.
 Paulding, David P. Bradford.
 Spring Hill, John C. Brogan.
 Lauderdale, James M. Gann.
 Wayne, Duncan A. Little.
 Waynesboro, Hiram R. Singleton.
 Ellisville Mission, to be supplied (by John C. Williams).
 East Mississippi Female College, J. W. Adkisson, President; J. A. Ellis, Agent.

SEA-SHORE DISTRICT.

Thomas Price, P. E.

East Pascagoula, Alexander M. Campbell.
 Ocean Springs, Robert B. Downer.
 Rankin, Louis Kendall.
 Mt. Carmel, David A. Givens.
 Westville Mission, to be supplied (by J. O. Napier).

Taylorville Mission, to be supplied (by R. S. Parker).
 Columbia, to be supplied (by W. J. Ball).
 Pearlinton, William W. Hopper.
 White Plains, David Merchant.
 Enon, Charles J. Phillips.
 Chickasaha and Green Mission, to be supplied (by P. C. Wimbish).

J. Bancroft transferred to Alabama Conference.

A. T. Tidwell transferred to St. Louis Conference.

H. P. Bowen transferred to West Texas Conference.

C. J. Nugent transferred to White River Conference.

Thomas Cotton transferred to Western Virginia Conference.

XIV.—NORTH MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE.

HELD AT KOSCIUSKO, MISS., November 24-30, 1875.

BISHOP PAINE, *President*; JOHN BARCROFT, *Secretary*.

QUESTION 1. Who are admitted on trial?

ANSWER. Henry C. Parrott, Thomas J. Harris, DeWitt C. Brown, Thomas Y. Ramsey, Jr., G. W. Gordon, Daniel C. Foust, W. C. Lester, Benjamin S. Rayner. 8.

Ques. 2. Who remain on trial?

M. C. Pegues, D. W. Babb, B. F. Phillips, J. A. Babb, J. R. Roberson, J. S. Carlton, W. B. Murrah, W. W. Williams, Eugene Johnson, N. R. Hamer. 10.

Ques. 3. Who are discontinued?

Chrisenberry L. Bates, John H. Mitchell, James M. Owen. 3.

Ques. 4. Who are admitted into full connection?

William L. Peebles, John R. Allen, William J. O'Bryant. 3.

Ques. 5. Who are readmitted?

None.

Ques. 6. Who are received by transfer from other Conferences?

S. A. Ellis, D. D. Moore, R. F. Beasley, J. F. Evans, T. N. Shelton, D. A. Beardsley. 6.

Ques. 7. Who are the deacons of one year?

J. W. Gooch, T. J. Taylor, R. M. Davis, W. S. Lagrone, John Mitchell, J. S. Oakley, William I. Smith, R. A. Ellis, J. M. Mitchell, William D. Matthews, Quincy A. Oats, Peter Fleming, David Plews, L. D. Worsham, Benjamin D. Brown. 15.

Ques. 8. What traveling preachers are elected deacons?

William L. Peebles, John R. Allen, William J. O'Bryant. 3.

Ques. 9. What traveling preachers are ordained deacons?

William L. Peebles, John R. Allen, William J. O'Bryant. 3.

Ques. 10. What local preachers are elected deacons?

A. W. Gibson, Churchwell Threadgill, William J. Jumper, Thomas J. Newell, Benjamin S. Rayner, Lewis S. Byrd. 6.

Ques. 11. What local preachers are ordained deacons?

Thomas J. Newell, Benjamin S. Rayner, John M. Dunn. 3.

Ques. 12. What traveling preachers are elected elders?

Robert P. Mitchell, John W. Lowrance, Benjamin F. Morris, Alexius W. Langley, John H. Scruggs. 5.

Ques. 13. What traveling preachers are ordained elders?

R. P. Mitchell, J. W. Lowrance, Benjamin F. Morris, A. W. Langley, J. H. Scruggs. 5.

Ques. 14. What local preachers are elected elders?

None.

Ques. 15. What local preachers are ordained elders?

None.

Ques. 16. Who are located this year?

T. N. Shelton, James Wilkinson, Francis Howarth, William M. Ross. 4.

Ques. 17. Who are supernumerary?

P. J. Eckles, B. D. Brown, J. K. Morris, S. B. Carson, J. W. Bates, William Irby, J. P. Commander, A. R. Hines, W. E. Ellis. 9.

Ques. 18. Who are superannuated?

J. O. Woodward, Kinchen Adams, E. J. Williams, Lewis H. Davis, W. L. Bonner, W. C. Green, Walton J. Reeves, George Shaeffer, John F. Truslow. 9.

Ques. 19. What preachers have died during the past year?

William S. Jones. 1.

WILLIAM S. JONES died at his residence near Water Valley, Miss., June 19, 1875, in the sixty-third year of his age. He was converted to God, and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, in the year 1836; joined the Tennessee Conference in 1839, and became a member on probation of the Memphis Conference at its organization in 1843. He was a faithful, devoted preacher of the gospel—useful and beloved wherever he labored. For some years past he was superannuated on account of failing health. His sufferings were protracted and severe, but he manifested great patience and resignation to the will of God. He was visited by his brethren in the ministry, to whom he talked freely of his future state, and assured all that the hope of eternal life was sure and steadfast, and that he was ready to meet the summons of death undismayed. His life and conversation among the Churches where he labored, and in the sanctity of the home-circle, were pure and beautiful.

Ques. 20. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?

Their names were called over, one by one, and their characters examined and passed, except R. W. Yancey, whose case was referred to the Presiding Elder of the Aberdeen District.

Ques. 21. What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations, and missions of the Conference?

Holly Springs District.

	White Mem's.	Col'd Mem's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Holly Springs Station.....	172		
Holly Springs Circuit.....	343		5
Early Grove and Carmel.....	119		
Byhalia Station.....	194		
New Salem and Philadelphia.....	150		1
Emory.....	275		
Marshall.....	254		1
Ashland.....	174		1
Salem.....	207		1
Hudsonville and Sylvestria.....	62		
Cornersville.....	346		2
Hickory Flat.....	300		2
	2596		13

Hernando District.

	White Mem's.	Col'd Mem's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Hernando and Cold Water.....	161		1
Hernando Circuit.....	327		4
Pleasant Hill.....	153		4
Longtown.....	344		3
Sardis and Davis's Chapel.....	162		
Fredonia.....	200		
Senatobia.....	378		1
Cockrum.....	480		3
Chulahoma.....	306		1
Mt. Vernon.....	320		1
	2831		18

Iuka District.

Iuka Station.....	114		2
Iuka Circuit.....	474		5
Burnsville.....	238		
Corinth Station.....	135		1
Corinth Circuit.....	286		4
Kossuth.....	873		7
Jonesboro.....	400		
Ripley Mission.....	190		5
Ripley Circuit.....	504		9
Hatchie Mission.....	206		
Boonville and Rienzi.....	276		1
Baldwyn.....	412		6
New Albany.....	287		3
Marietta.....	500		7
Bay Springs Mission.....	330		4
	5225		54

Verona District.

Verona Station.....	135		
Aberdeen Station.....	141		
Athens.....	388		4
Vinton.....	78		1
Sparta.....	374		2
Okolona Station.....	60		
Okolona Circuit.....	425		3
Houston.....	738		4
Tupelo.....	320		
Richmond.....	565		10
Saltito.....	415		5
Pontotoc.....	225		1
Fulton.....	393		6
	4257		36

Macon District.

Macon Station.....	144		
Columbus Station.....	253		
Columbus Circuit.....	334		
West Point and Tibbee.....	102		1
Line Creek.....	260		3
Starkville Station.....	166		1
Crawfordville.....	203		1
Brooksville.....	296		
Cooksville.....	58		
Shuquak.....	222		2
Perkinsville.....	209		1
Louisville.....	365		2
Plattsburg.....	331		3
La Grange.....	528		5
	3471		19

Grenada District.

Grenada Station.....	150		
Grenada Circuit.....	392		3
Water Valley Station.....	320		3
Oxford Station.....	76		1
Oxford Circuit.....	738		6
Eureka.....	446		2
Batesville.....	320		1
Charleston.....	300		4
Coffeerville.....	375		
Banner.....	532		7
La Fayette Springs.....	439		3
Calhoun.....	726		6
Bellefontaine.....	400		5
	5214		41

Yazoo District.

	White Men's.	Cold Men's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Black Hawk.....	572	.....	3
Winona and Carrollton.....	110	.....	.....
Winona Circuit.....	497	.....	3
Vaiden.....	327	.....	2
Durant.....	200	.....	4
Richland.....	206	.....	4
Attala.....	208	.....	1
Kosciusko and Bethel.....	245	.....	2
Newport.....	188	.....	.....
Liberty.....	375	.....	.....
Zilpah Mission.....	320	.....	.....
Greenwood.....	120	.....	.....
Ebenezer Circuit.....	200	.....	.....
	3568	.....	19

Greenville District.

Greenville Station.....	39	.....	2
Deer Creek and Lake Lee	30	.....	.....
Sunflower.....	188	.....	.....
Bolivar.....	43	.....	.....
Riverton and Beulah	35	.....	.....
Concordia Station.....	102	.....	.....
Friar's Point Station.....	27	.....	.....
Clarksdale and Cherry Hill.....	24	.....	.....
Cassida.....	64	.....	2
Jonestown.....	114	.....	.....
	666	.....	4

Recapitulation.

Holly Springs District.....	2596	.....	13
Hernando	2831	.....	18
Iuka	5225	.....	54
Verona	4257	.....	36
Macon	3471	.....	19
Grenada	5214	.....	41
Yazoo	3568	.....	19
Greenville	666	.....	4
Total this year.....	27,828	.....	204
Total last year.....	27,426	.....	200
Increase	402	.....	4

Ques. 22. How many infants have been baptized during the year?
231.

Ques. 23. How many adults have been baptized during the year?
693.

Ques. 24. What is the number of Sunday-schools?
231.

Ques. 25. What is the number of Sunday-school teachers?
1154.

Ques. 26. What is the number of Sunday-school scholars?
9340.

Ques. 27. What amount is necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers?
\$2,900.

Ques. 28. What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied?

Collected, \$1,984 20. Applied to claimants.

Ques. 29. What has been contributed for missions?
\$2,689 55.

Ques. 30. Where shall the next session of the Conference be held?
At Sardis, Miss.

Ques. 31. Where are the preachers stationed this year?

HOLLY SPRINGS DISTRICT.

J. D. Cameron, P. E.

Holly Springs Station, J. W. Lowrance.
Holly Springs Circuit, P. M. Marmon.
Early Grove and Carmel, Eugene Johnson.
Hudsonville and Sylvestria, Thomas Joyner.
Byhalia Station, J. W. Honnoll, P. J. Eckles, Sup.

Marshall, T. Cameron, B. D. Brown, Sup.
New Salem, W. B. Mitchell, J. K. Morris, Sup.
Emory, Robert P. Mitchell.
Ashland, Joseph J. Brooks.
Snow Creek, M. C. Pegues, S. P. Carson, Sup.
Cornersville, James M. Mitchell.
Hickory Flat, Andrew J. Foster.

HERNANDO DISTRICT.

Amos Kendall, P. E.

Hernando and Cold Water, Jesse W. Luter.
Lovetown, Sterling A. Ellis.
Cockrum, T. G. Freeman, Thomas J. Harris.
Chulahoma, Robert M. Davis.
Mount Vernon, Samuel C. Stone.
Como and Fredonia, B. B. Brown.
Senatobia, William J. O'Bryant.
Longtown, Henry C. Morehead.
Sardis and Davis's, William P. Barton.

GRENADA DISTRICT.

Joseph H. Brooks, P. E.

Batesville, G. W. Boyls, J. W. Bates, Sup.
Eureka, Joseph W. Poston.
{ Coffeerville, George W. Brown.
{ Charleston, Benjamin F. Phillips.
Grenada Station, Thomas W. Dye.
Grenada Circuit, George W. Bachman.
Water Valley Station, Samuel M. Thames.
{ Water Valley Mission, to be supplied (by J.
M. Barton).
{ Wesley Chapel and Springdale, A. B. Fly,
J. R. Roberson.
Oxford Station, to be supplied.
Oxford Circuit, A. A. Houston.
Fa Fayette Springs, D. C. Foust, W. Irby, Sup.
Banner, Reuben A. Ellis.
Calhoun, J. M. Hampton, G. W. Gordon.
Mississippi University, J. J. Wheat, Professor.
Grenada Female College, D. D. Moore.

FRIAR'S POINT DISTRICT.

J. P. Dancer, P. E.

Friar's Point and Austin, E. E. Hamilton.
Jonestown, DeWitt C. Brown.
Cherry Hill, J. P. Dancer.
Tallahatchie, to be supplied.
Clarksdale, Joseph E. Douglass.
Greenwood, Quincy A. Oats.
Honey Island, H. Williamson.

GREENVILLE DISTRICT.

John F. Markham, P. E.

Greenville Station, Tilmon Page.
Luko Lee and Leota, Noel R. Hamer.
Deer Creek, James D. Murff.
Sunflower, Hiram R. Caldwell.
Concordia and Australia, David O. Hughes.
Floraville, David Plews.
Bolivar, Joseph S. Oakley.

WINONA DISTRICT.

Jas. W. Knott, P. E.

Winona and Carrollton, John C. Lowe.
Winona, Thomas C. Parrish.
Black Hawk, Kenneth A. Jones.
Vaiden, George D. Wade.
Durant, A. P. Sage.
(Richland, H. D. Howell.
) Ebenezer, to be supplied (by D. N. Foose).
Newport, W. C. Lester, J. P. Commander, Sup.
Attala, W. S. Lagrone, A. R. Hines, Sup.
Kosciusko Station, T. A. S. Adams.
Liberty, James G. Carlisle.
Zilpah, William W. Williams.
Bellevue, L. D. Worsham.

COLUMBUS DISTRICT.

Robert G. Porter, P. E.

Columbus Station, Willard W. Wadsworth.
Columbus Circuit, Rufus F. Beasley.
Macon Station, James M. Boon.
Line Creek, Thomas W. Castles.
Starkville Station, Thomas S. Campbell.
Crawfordville, W. S. Harrison.
Brooksville, J. T. Cunningham.
(Shuqulak, Benjamin S. Rayner.
) Perkinsville, Benjamin F. Morris.
Louisville, Joseph D. Newsom.
Plattsburg, Alexius W. Langley.
La Grange, W. R. Rainey.

ABERDEEN DISTRICT.

T. Y. Ramsey, P. E.

Aberdeen Station, William Murrah.
Verona Station, John Barcroft.

Athens, Jesse W. Perry.

Vinton, J. S. Carlton.

Sparta, T. J. Lowry.

Houston, Henry E. Smith, Henry C. Parrott.

Okolona and West Point, W. B. Murrah.

Okolona, W. D. Matthews, T. Y. Ramsey, jr.

Tupelo, Joseph B. Stone.

Richmond, Samuel W. Miller.

Saltillo, John McElhannon.

Pontotoc, William L. Peebles.

Fulton, Peter Fleming.

Verona Female College, T. C. Wier, President.

IUKA DISTRICT.

J. Johnson, P. E.

Iuka Station, John H. Scruggs.

Iuka Circuit, Thomas J. Taylor.

Corinth Station, J. L. Futrell, L. Lea, Sup.

{ Corinth Circuit, to be supplied.

{ Burnsville Circuit, to be supplied.

Kossuth, R. A. Neblett, D. W. Babb.

{ Jonesboro, James W. Gooch.

{ Ripley Mission, to be supplied.

{ Ripley Circuit, John F. Evans.

{ Hatchie Mission, to be supplied.

Boonville and Rienzi, James A. Babb, W. E.

Ellis, Sup.

Baldwyn, Edward H. Moon.

New Albany, Benjamin W. Stubbs.

Marietta, John Mitchell.

Bay Springs, W. I. Smith.

Iuka Female College, D. A. Beardsley, President.

Daniel S. Hearon transferred to Holston Conference.

B. H. Bounds transferred to North-west Texas Conference.

H. H. Thacker transferred to Arkansas Conference.

John R. Allen transferred to North Texas Conference.

Ambrose M. Barrington transferred to Mississippi Conference.

XV.—MEMPHIS CONFERENCE.

HELD AT PADUCAH, KY., November 17-23, 1875.

BISHOP DOGGETT, President; W. C. JOHNSON, Secretary.

QUESTION 1. Who are admitted on trial?

ANSWER. W. T. Locke, Grant T. Sullivan, T. J. Simmons, J. E. Walker, S. H. Williams, Reuben McW. King, George T. Peeples. 7.

Ques. 2. Who remain on trial?

John S. Harris, Walter T. Burke, W. G. Hettley, J. H. Collins, Joab A. Russell, G. W. Wilson. 6.

Ques. 3. Who are discontinued?

Thomas C. Holmes, Leonidas G. Rogers, Erasmus K. Bransford, Francis M. Bone, Seth B. Bush. 5.

Ques. 4. Who are admitted into full connection?

W. W. Scott, Joseph M. Maxwell, George H. Martin, James G. Clark, Albert F. Hendrix, Henry C. Gamble, David Leith, Charles Y. Rankin, W. L. Duckworth, Oliver P. Parker, Jacob Sullivan, William H. Evans, Amos B. Jones. 13.

Ques. 5. Who are readmitted?

None.

Ques. 6. Who are received by transfer from other Conferences?

R. H. Mahon, from the Pacific Conference; R. S. Harris, from the East Texas Conference. They had both been transferred from the Memphis Conference since the last annual session. Thomas M. Ragsdale, from the Illinois Conference. 3.

Ques. 7. Who are the deacons of one year?

W. C. Sellers, Francis B. Davis, Samson T. Lane, Thomas G. Randle, Nathaniel Futrell, Thomas F. Sanders, Daniel A. Ross. 7.

Ques. 8. What traveling preachers are elected deacons?

W. W. Scott, Joseph M. Maxwell, George H. Martin, James G. Clark, Albert F. Hendrix, Henry C. Gamble, Charles Y. Rankin, W. L. Duckworth, Jacob Sullivan, W. H. Evans. 10.

Ques. 9. What traveling preachers are ordained deacons?

W. W. Scott, Joseph M. Maxwell, George H. Martin, James G. Clark, Albert F. Hendrix, Henry C. Gamble, Charles Y. Rankin, W. L. Duckworth, Jacob Sullivan, W. H. Evans. 10.

Ques. 10. What local preachers are elected deacons?

Ransom D. C. Dodd, George W. C. Atkins, George Sweeny, William H. Nelson, William J. Barnes. 5.

Ques. 11. What local preachers are ordained deacons?

Ransom D. C. Dodd, George Sweeny, William H. Nelson, William J. Barnes, James J. Miller. 5.

Ques. 12. What traveling preachers are elected elders?

W. O. Lanier, Henry M. Sears, Samuel B. Love, Thomas J. McGill, William Hay, Constantine D. Davis, David Leith. 7.

Ques. 13. What traveling preachers are ordained elders?

W. O. Lanier, Henry M. Sears, Samuel B. Love, Thomas J. McGill, William Hay, Constantine D. Davis, David Leith. 7.

Ques. 14. What local preachers are elected elders?

Don Carlos Culley, Thomas C. Travis, Noah G. Holyfield. 3.

Ques. 15. What local preachers are ordained elders?

Don Carlos Culley, Thomas C. Travis, Noah G. Holyfield, Abraham T. Brown. 4.

Ques. 16. Who are located this year?

None.

Ques. 17. Who are supernumerary?

M. D. Robinson, R. V. Taylor, T. C. Ellis, D. M. K. Collins, R. S. Swift, J. E. Beck, T. F. Sanders, J. G. Glasgow, T. P. Holman, H. B. Covington, Jeremiah Moss. 11.

Ques. 18. Who are superannuated?

James M. Major, Clement C. Glover, T. J. Neely, Robert H. Burns, Benjamin Peeples, Thomas P. Davidson, James C. Crews, David C. Wells, Thomas Taylor. 9.

Ques. 19. What preachers have died during the past year?

Charles Collins, James W. Mathis. 2.

CHARLES COLLINS was born in North Yarmouth, Maine, April 17, 1818. Having passed through the several stages of a primary education at Portland, he was, at a proper age, prepared to enter the Maine Wesleyan Institute. Here he remained until he had completed the appointed course of study, and was qualified to take a position among the faculty of that institution. He seems to have been without means while a student, other than the private and reliable resources of an indomitable energy. His own manual labor defrayed his expenses, in which he evinced such elements of character as made his life a success. Having been employed as teacher for a number of years, and part of the time as Principal of the Wesleyan Institute, he gradually advanced to the higher branches of academic education. His youthful heart was inspired by an ardent ambition to complete his course of study at the Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn., then under the charge of Dr. Wilbur Fisk. The accomplishment of this desirable object demanded rigid economy and severe self-denial. He was willing to pay the price and endure the sacrifice. To him a finished education was far more attractive than all the allurements of self-indulgence incident to youthful life. Having previously realized a knowledge of Christ in the remission of sin, he was about this time moved by the Holy Ghost to enter the ministry. To him wisdom was the principal thing, but with all his getting to get understanding no less a duty. He was persuaded that to love wisdom was his surest preservation; to exalt her, his loftiest promotion; to embrace her, an ornament of grace to his head; to take fast hold of her instruction, a crown of glory to his life. It was at this period that he consecrated his whole of vital force to religion and education. This to him was the wisest choice, and full of compensation, as revealed in the after part of his history. About this time he entered the sophomore class of the Wesleyan University, but from close application was advanced to the senior, and the following year awarded the first honor, and delivered the valedictory.

Such distinction is rendered much more noticeable when the fact is considered that, at the time of graduation, his classmates were Daniel Curry, D.D., editor of the *New York Christian Advocate*; E. E. Wiley, D.D., President of Emory and Henry College; W. H. Anderson, D.D., of the Louisville Conference, late Principal of the Boys' High School of the city of Louisville; E. Wentworth, D.D., editor of the *Ladies' Repository*, of Cincinnati; and others of like order. Immediately after leaving the university, he took charge of the Augusta High School, where he remained one year, and left it only to accept the presidency of Emory and Henry College, near Abingdon, Va., upon the recommendation of Dr. Wilbur Fisk, Chancellor of the Wesleyan University. He was then only twenty-five years of age, and certainly a young man of no ordinary attainment, to be deemed worthy of this important trust by so distinguished an educator. Charles Collins was the first President of Emory and Henry College. To him was given the honor of launching and manning that beautiful and stately vessel of letters and intellectual culture upon the prosperous sea of her historic mission. This was no small responsibility, and required upon his part a large outlay of physical and intellectual activity. In connection with this service, as a member of the Holston Conference, his labors in the pulpit were abundant and effective. By this time he had sufficiently prepared himself in polemic theology to enter the field in vindication of the doctrines of the Church, as evidenced in his controversial papers against Romanism in 1844, and again in 1848, with the Rev. F. A. Ross, of the Presbyterian Church, in his doctrinal tracts, entitled "Methodism and Calvinism Compared," at present issued by our Publishing House. In addition to this, he edited the *Southern Repository* and *College Review*, was a regular contributor to the *Ladies' Repository*, and sundry Church papers and periodicals. In 1851 he received his Doctorate from Centenary College, La., Masonic College, Mo., and Dickinson College, Pa. In 1852 he was elected to the presidency of Dickinson College, which position he filled with great acceptability and usefulness for eight years. During this time he came within a few votes of being elected Chancellor of the Wesleyan University, his *Alma Mater*; declined the Presidency of Centenary College, La.; Central College, Mo.; the Chancellorship of the Universities of Missouri and Michigan, and the Southern University, Greensboro, Ala. These facts reveal to us the widespread and well-earned reputation of Dr. Collins as a man of letters and distinguished ability in the management of literary institutions. Thus we have followed our lamented brother up to August, 1860, the time he took charge of the State Female College, Memphis, Tenn., which connected him soon thereafter with this Conference by transfer. He entered upon this new field of labor with his accustomed energy. Hitherto he had confined himself to

the education of boys and young men, but he was no less successful in the instruction and management of young ladies. The prosperity of that institution to the day of his death affords abundant evidence upon this point. Though he was the sole proprietor and owner of the school, together with the grounds and buildings attached thereto, he soon identified his important enterprise directly with the Church, by placing it under the patronage of the Memphis Annual Conference. Hence he was liberally sustained in West Tennessee, Arkansas, and Mississippi. With this institution he closed his labors, in the city of Memphis, July 10, 1875. Dr. Collins was no ordinary man. It is seldom we are called upon to record the death of one so eminent for intellectual culture and classical attainment. There were many brilliant points in his character, but all so beautifully blended as to make him a great light—steady, reliable, radiant. His learning was without pedantry; his philosophy without stoicism; his dignity without affectation; his reserve without austerity. With the simplicity of a child, the tenderness of a woman, and the wisdom of true manhood, he graced the domestic and social circles with the smile of amiability, the air of cheerfulness, and the gravity of the Christian. The all-pervading law of his being was order. Under its rule he systematized duty, whether to God, or man, or self. It was this that gave elasticity to the burden of accumulated responsibility, and enabled him to bear it with comparative ease. In the school-room he swayed an invisible scepter, not of stern authority, but a sweet inspiration of love and veneration, to which all hearts bowed in the obeisance of a true devotion. He governed well, and yet seemed not to govern. To awaken thought, and imprint truth upon the young mind, was his daily work, and apparently it was done with as much facility as the beams of the sun are reflected upon the placid lake. In the pulpit he was moderate in physical action, dignified and deliberate, as if confidently reposing in the authority of the word he preached, and the power of the divine presence. His thoughts were weighed in the balances of Christian philosophy, and then uttered with transparency and precision. There was at times such volume and force to the truths he presented as not to beg submission, but defy resistance; not to persuade, but demand conviction. In style he was clear, concise, pointed; in language, pure, elegant, complete; in spirit, calm, but earnest and impressive. In a word, he was a close thinker, with all the finish of the scholar, without the slightest effort at display. As a member of this body he seemed unconscious of his own greatness. Modest and retiring, he was seldom upon the floor, but always in his place. In our intercourse with him we found him always agreeable, but not demonstrative; congenial, but not familiar; polite, but not extravagant of expression in word or act. Indeed, he was a "wise man, and endued with

knowledge among us, and showed out of a good conversation his works, with meekness of wisdom." It would be useless to add that the death of Dr. Charles Collins has entailed upon the Conference, the Church, and the world, a loss not easily repaired. In erudition, piety, and laborious effort for the good of others, there are but few of his class. The honor belongs to us to claim his remains, to enroll his name with our precious dead, and to treasure his virtues as a goodly heritage. The call was sudden that removed him from us, but not more so than his readiness to obey. With his characteristic calmness, and an unwavering faith in Christ, he spoke of the approach of death, and gave directions concerning his family and his work. A faithful servant of sixty-two years, "after he had served his generation by the will of God, fell on sleep."

JAMES W. MATHIS departed this life at Covington, Tenn., Oct. 25, 1875. He was a deeply pious man, and a faithful minister of the gospel. He was devoted to the Church and to the service of the Master, and his end was peace. His connection with the itinerancy began in November, 1858, at which time he was admitted on trial into the Memphis Conference at Trenton, Tenn. He was admitted into full connection, and ordained deacon by Bishop Pierce, at Aberdeen, Miss., Nov. 11, 1860. He was elected to elder's orders at Cageville, Tenn., in 1863, but on account of the unsettled condition of the country, caused by the vicissitudes of war, no Bishop was present at the Conference, and he was ordained by Bishop Paine, at Covington, Tenn., Oct. 8, 1865. His appointments were as follows—viz.: In 1858, junior preacher on Dresden Circuit, R. A. Umstead, P. C.; 1859, Camden Circuit; 1860, Columbus; 1861, Madrid Bend Circuit; 1862, Trenton and Humboldt; 1863, Trenton; 1864–5–6, Covington; 1867, Aberdeen. In 1868 he took a supernumerary relation; in 1869 became superannuated, and remained so until his death. In the commencement of his ministry Brother Mathis gave promise of great usefulness to the Church. His piety, zeal, and natural ability, led his friends to anticipate much. He preached the word with the demonstration of the Spirit and with power. With untiring zeal he labored for souls, and was successful in winning many to Christ. But his physical ability was unequal to the tasks he imposed on himself. His zeal in the work of the ministry led him into labors and exposure beyond his powers of endurance. After ten years of faithful service in the itinerancy, his failing health compelled him to retire from the effective list. Consumption had already commenced its fatal work, and claimed him as its victim. He settled in Covington, Tenn., and, with the assistance of his devoted wife, was enabled to make a comfortable support by taking boarders. He did not cease to let his light shine before men. His zeal for Christ, and his devotion to the Church,

continued unto the end. He labored to the extent of his ability, and even beyond it. Especially during the last year of his life he gave evidence of increasing piety and preparation for the world to come. For several years he lingered on the verge of the grave, patiently suffering and waiting, but his energy refused to yield until the last moment. Only a few minutes before he expired he walked out into the hall to get some water. He commenced coughing and spitting blood, and felt conscious that the time of his departure was at hand. He was ready. He had finished his course; he had kept the faith; and had no misgivings in regard to the future. He told his loving and beloved wife that he was dying, and requested her to sit down by him. There was time for only a few words of counsel and affection—more was unnecessary. There was no need that he should leave a dying testimony. His life, spent in the service of God, is a far better evidence of his preparation for the world to come. Calmly and sweetly he breathed his last, and he was not, for God took him.

Ques. 20. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?

Their names were called over, one by one, and their characters examined and passed.

Ques. 21. What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations, and missions of the Conference?

Memphis District.

	White Mem's.	Col'd Mem's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Memphis:			
First Church.....	557	.....	1
Central Church.....	230	.....	2
Greenwood.....	.....	.....	.....
Hernando-street Church.....	270	.....	.....
Saffarans Street & Georgia Street.....	155	.....	.....
Springdale.....	187	.....	2
Bartlett.....	230	.....	1
Bethlehem.....	243	.....	5
Collierville.....	324	.....	2
La Grange and Saulsbury.....	217	.....	.....
Middleton.....	360	.....	3
Macon Circuit.....	415	.....	3
Shelby Mission.....	42	.....	.....
	3230		19

Somerville District.

Somerville Station.....	119	.....	.....
Bolivar Station.....	78	.....	2
Middleburg.....	175	.....	3
Whiteville.....	447	.....	4
Dancyville.....	285	.....	2
Stanton.....	171	.....	2
Braden.....	230	.....	.....
Covington and Tabernacle.....	233	.....	2
Mt. Zion.....	297	.....	2
Gratitude and Bethuel.....	225	.....	.....
Embury.....	259	.....	3
Covington Circuit.....	267	.....	2
	2786		22

Jackson District.

Jackson:			
First Church.....	293	.....	5
Paine Chapel.....	170	.....	3

Jackson District (continued).

	White Mem's.	Col'd Mem's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Jackson Circuit.....	548		2
Jackson City Mission.....	30		
Humboldt Station.....	173		1
Brownsville Station.....	359		2
Brownsville City Mission ..	62		2
Denmark.....	291		1
Tabernacle.....	349		1
Mifflin.....	400		2
Pinson.....	530		2
Rock Spring.....	312		2
Purdy.....	420		3
Adamsville.....	503		9
Henderson and Montezuma.....	217		2
	4657		37

Dyersburg District.

Dyersburg Station.....	134		1
Dyersburg Circuit.....	575		7
Hale's Point Mission.....	40		
Newbern Station.....	102		2
Trimble Mission.....	60		4
Yorkville.....	441		2
Kenton.....	332		2
Trenton Station.....	141		2
Trenton Circuit.....	750		7
Alamo.....	619		6
Friendship.....	615		4
Trinity.....	610		1
Ripley and Durhamville.....	262		
Ripley Circuit.....	570		4
Ashport Mission.....	36		
	5287		42

Dresden District.

Union City and Dresden.....	231		1
Dresden Circuit.....	854		7
McKenzie Station.....	142		4
McKenzie Circuit.....	480		3
Hickman Station.....	135		
Hickman Mission.....	80		
Hickman Circuit.....	547		2
Fulton.....	541		5
Dukedom.....	500		1
Tiptonville.....	332		7
Cottage Grove.....	332		2
Boydsville.....	312		4
Lynnville Mission.....	31		
Murray.....	724		8
Troy.....	204		5
Obion.....	300		2
	5842		51

Paducah District.

Paducah Station.....	230		3
Paducah Circuit.....	280		3
Mayfield Station.....	175		5
Columbus Station.....	63		1
Hinkleville.....	310		1
Blandville Mission.....	141		
Clinton.....	442		4
Milburn.....	368		4
Wingo.....	425		3
Benton.....	469		5
Wadesboro.....	342		5
Briensburg.....	334		8
Birmingham.....	432		7
Pine Bluff Mission.....	70		
	4081		49

Paris District.

Paris Station.....	125		2
Paris Circuit.....	860		7
Conversville.....	520		3
Camden.....	750		6
Huntingdon Circuit.....	395		5
Trezevant.....	426		4
Salem.....	412		4

Paris District (continued).

	White Mem's.	Col'd Mem's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Milan and Huntingdon.....	203		2
Lexington.....	483		7
Decaturville.....	551		5
Saltillo.....	662		7
Morgan's Creek.....	183		1
Pleasant Ridge Mission.....	174		3
	5744		56

Recapitulation.

Memphis District.....	3230		19
Somerville.....	2786		22
Jackson.....	4657		37
Dyersburg.....	5287		42
Dresden.....	5842		51
Paducah.....	4081		49
Paris.....	5744		56
Total this year.....	31,627		276
Total last year.....	32,264		282
Decrease.....	637		6

Ques. 22. How many infants have been baptized during the year?
569.

Ques. 23. How many adults have been baptized during the year?
1248.

Ques. 24. What is the number of Sunday-schools?
333.

Ques. 25. What is the number of Sunday-school teachers?
2264.

Ques. 26. What is the number of Sunday-school scholars?
15,726.

Ques. 27. What amount is necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers?
\$2,000.

Ques. 28. What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied?

Collected, \$1,585 60. Applied to claimants.

Ques. 29. What has been contributed for missions?

Foreign Missions, \$2,226 60
Domestic Missions, 1,040 55

\$3,267 15

Ques. 30. Where shall the next session of the Conference be held?

At Memphis, Tenn.

Ques. 31. Where are the preachers stationed this year?

MEMPHIS DISTRICT.

John Moss, P. E.

Memphis:

First Church, Samuel B. Surratt.

Central Church, James A. Heard.

Hernando-street Church, Joseph H. Evans.

Memphis City Mission, Lorenzo D. Mullins.

Springdale, Junius P. Walker.
 Bartlett, Thomas L. Beard.
 Bethlehem, Sterling B. Adams, T. P. Holman,
 Sup.
 Collierville, Phineas T. Scruggs, J. G. Clark.
 La Grange and Saulsbury, David Leith.
 Middleton, John A. Fife.
 Macon, Thomas L. Boswell, W. W. Scott.
 Shelby Mission, W. T. Locke.
 Editor *Western Methodist*, W. C. Johnson.
 Bible Agent, D. R. S. Rosebrough.
 Bellevue Female College, William T. Plummer,
 President.

SOMERVILLE DISTRICT.

Albert H. Thomas, P. E.

Somerville Station, W. D. F. Hafford.
 Bolivar Station, Armstead L. Pritchett.
 Grand Junction, W. M. McFerrin.
 Whiteville, Ashley R. Wilson.
 Dancyville, George B. Baskerville, R. V. Tay-
 lor, Sup.
 Stanton, Andrew C. Smith.
 Braden, George H. Martin.
 Covington Station, Charles Y. Rankin.
 Covington Circuit, Richmond S. Harris.
 Gratitude and Bethuel, Benjamin F. Peeples.
 Embury, G. W. Wilson.

JACKSON DISTRICT.

W. T. Harris, P. E.

Jackson:
 First Church, Edward C. Slater.
 East Jackson, W. M. Patterson.
 Jackson Circuit and City Mission, George K.
 Brooks, W. G. Hefley.
 Humboldt and Milan, James M. Scott.
 Brownsville Station, Guilford Jones.
 Brownsville Circuit, Clayton J. Mauldin.
 Denmark, James G. Acton.
 Mifflin, J. R. Sykes.
 Pinson, Robert G. Rainey.
 Henderson, Benjamin F. Blackmon.
 Purdy, A. F. Hendrix, Grant T. Sullivan.
 Adamsville, to be supplied, Thomas F. San-
 ders, Sup.
 Memphis Conference Female Institute, Amos
 W. Jones, President; Amos B. Jones, Pro-
 fessor; W. H. Leigh, Agent.

DYERSBURG DISTRICT.

Robert H. Mahon, P. E.

Dyersburg Station, James W. Atkinson.
 { Newbern, W. A. Cook.
 { Hale's Point Mission, to be supplied.
 { Yorkville, Nathan Sullivan.
 { Trimble Mission, Thomas G. Randle.
 Kenton, Matthew M. Taylor.
 Trenton Station, James C. Hooks.
 Trenton Circuit, Warren B. Seward.
 Alamo, Oliver P. Parker, James Perry.
 Friendship, W. T. C. Young.
 Woodville, Jarrett S. Renshaw.
 Ripley and Durhamville, Nathaniel Futrell.
 { Ripley Circuit, W. L. Duckworth.
 { Ashport Mission, to be supplied.

DRESDEN DISTRICT.

B. A. Hayes, P. E.

Dresden Station, Warner T. Bolling.
 Union City and Troy, James D. Bush, John
 E. Beck, Sup.
 Dresden Circuit, Samson T. Lane.
 Gardner and Frost, W. C. Sellars.
 McKenzie Circuit, John Randle, H. B. Cov-
 ington, Sup.
 Hickman Station, Samuel B. Love.
 Fulton, James M. Spence, Jeremiah Moss, Sup.
 Dukedom, Thomas E. Hall.
 Tiptonville, Daniel A. Ross.
 Cottage Grove, R. E. Graves.
 { Boydsville, Reuben M. King.
 { Lynnville Mission, to be supplied.
 Troy Circuit, Joseph H. Collins.
 Obion Circuit and Mission, Wade H. Frost, M.
 D. Robinson, Sup.

PADUCAH DISTRICT.

N. P. Ramsey, P. E.

Paducah Station, Smith W. Moore.
 Paducah Circuit and City Mission, R. L. West.
 Mayfield Station, Joseph T. C. Collins.
 Columbus Station, Joseph H. Maxwell.
 { Hinkleville, Jasper V. Fly.
 { Blandville Mission, to be supplied (by J. J.
 Smith).
 Clinton, Emsley B. Plummer.
 { Milburn Circuit, Constantine D. Davis.
 { Milburn Mission, to be supplied (by Robert
 F. Birkhead).
 Wingo, James M. Flatt.
 Benton, James G. Pirtle, J. G. Glasgow, Sup.
 Wadesboro, to be supplied (by W. D. Padgett).
 Briensburg, Henry C. Gamble.
 { Birmingham, Walter T. Burke.
 { Pine Bluff Mission, to be supplied (by J. R.
 Dycus).
 Hickman Circuit, Findley Bynum.
 Murray, Joab A. Russell.

PARIS DISTRICT.

J. H. Witt, P. E.

Paris Station, Warner Moore.
 Paris Circuit, Thomas J. McGill.
 { Spring Hill, W. H. Evans.
 { Paris Landing Mission, George T. Peeples.
 Camden, R. R. Nelson, D. M. K. Collins, Sup.
 Huntingdon, Henry M. Sears.
 Trezevant, T. J. Simmons, T. C. Ellis, Sup.
 Salem, W. O. Lanier.
 Lexington, John S. Harris.
 Decaturville, William Hay.
 Saltillo, F. B. Davis, R. S. Swift, Sup.
 Morgan's Creek, Jacob D. Sullivan.
 McKenzie Station, Thomas G. Whitten.
 Lavinia, Richard A. Umstead.

Archibald L. Hunsaker transferred to Pa-
 cific Conference.

James E. Walker transferred to Arkansas
 Conference.

Samuel H. Williams transferred to Texas Conference.

Thomas M. Ragsdale transferred to Illinois Conference.

F. S. Petway transferred to Tennessee Conference.

J. H. Priddy transferred to White River Conference.

XVI.—TENNESSEE CONFERENCE.

HELD AT FAYETTEVILLE, TENN., October 6-12, 1875.

BISHOP WIGHTMAN, *President*; ROBERT A. YOUNG, *Secretary*.

QUESTION 1. Who are admitted on trial?

ANSWER. P. W. Gavin, G. W. Johnson, E. Dickens, H. B. Reams, C. E. Heriges, J. F. Corbin, B. H. Johnson, C. H. Yates, S. M. Griffin, J. W. Bryant, W. H. Doss, Z. W. Moores, J. H. Roberts, W. T. Nesbitt, W. R. Lambuth. 15.

Ques. 2. Who remain on trial?

T. S. Cullom, J. Webster, L. G. Hensley, W. R. Peebles, M. A. Erwin, J. W. Benson, J. T. Pittman, S. H. Andrews, W. A. Leath, J. J. Ransom. 10.

Ques. 3. Who are discontinued?

T. S. McFerrin, C. Buchanan, W. G. McMillan, J. N. Parrotte. 4.

Ques. 4. Who are admitted into full connection?

A. P. McFerrin, J. W. Bell, T. A. Kerley, R. W. Seay, W. J. Collier, S. L. Fain, M. J. Mabry, H. S. McBride, B. F. Haynes, J. P. Funk. 10.

Ques. 5. Who are readmitted?

None.—The case of W. H. Riggan, who was located last year without his consent in his absence, was reconsidered, and he was reinstated.

Ques. 6. Who are received by transfer from other Conferences?

E. W. White, from East Texas Conference; W. M. Doyle, from Columbia Conference; B. F. Stone, from North Texas Conference; C. Buchanan, J. P. McFerrin, from St. Louis Conference; T. O. Summers, jr., from Alabama Conference; F. S. Petway, from Memphis Conference. 7.

Ques. 7. Who are the deacons of one year?

W. W. Brinsfield, H. S. Kennedy, C. Clenny, J. L. Kellum, G. W. Coleman, T. J. Duncan, J. G. Molloy, W. T. Gill, U. N. M. Berry. 9.

Ques. 8. What traveling preachers are elected deacons?

John J. Ransom, J. W. Bell, R. W. Seay, S. L. Fain, M. J. Mabry, H. S. McBride, B. F. Haynes. 7.

Ques. 9. What traveling preachers are ordained deacons?

H. J. Ivie, T. H. Woodward, J. M. Jordan, J. H. Chambliss, B. F. Jackson, G. D. Byrne, W. W. Brinsfield. 7.

Ques. 10. What local preachers are elected deacons?

W. Carlisle, G. W. Jenkins, W. M. Dinges, A. L. Comer, G. B. McPeak, S. M. Parks, S. J. Shasteen, T. C. Eason, S. H. McKnight, H. L. Sanders, E. B. Worsham, J. C. Moore, G. M. McMahan, S. W. G. Baggett, W. A. Reynolds, J. M. Heath. 16.

Ques. 11. What local preachers are ordained deacons?

W. M. Dinges, A. L. Comer, G. B. McPeak, S. M. Parks, S. J. Shasteen, T. C. Eason, S. H. McKnight, H. L. Sanders, E. H. Worsham, J. C. Moore. 10.

Ques. 12. What traveling preachers are elected elders?

Benjamin F. Jackson, Henry J. Ivie, T. H. Woodward, John M. Jordan, John H. Chambliss, G. D. Byrne, W. W. Brinsfield, John J. Ransom (Missionary to Brazil). 8.

Ques. 13. What traveling preachers are ordained elders?

H. J. Ivie, T. H. Woodward, J. M. Jordan, J. H. Chambliss, B. F. Jackson, G. D. Byrne, W. W. Brinsfield, J. J. Ransom. 8.

Ques. 14. What local preachers are elected elders?

H. A. Sanders, D. E. Morris, W. J. Brice, H. M. Apple, G. M. Bruce, A. J. Kelley, E. Dickens, A. J. Curl, E. H. Bennett, R. P. Davis, J. M. Shelton, G. M. B. Turner, J. P. Brooks, J. M. Swift. 14.

Ques. 15. What local preachers are ordained elders?

H. A. Sanders, E. Dickens, E. H. Bennett, R. P. Davis, J. M. Shelton. 5.

Ques. 16. Who are located this year?

W. A. Gill. 1.

Ques. 17. Who are supernumerary?

J. M. Locke, T. B. Marks, W. B. Woodward, W. J. Wright, W. R. Warren, W. H. Johnson, H. L. Booth, W. M. Shaw, J. B. Hamilton, S. D. Ogburn, J. Rains, M. N. Ford, U. S. Bates, G. W. Brown, W. H. Riggan, J. H. Strathorn, M. R. Tucker, A. C. Matthews, A. H. Reams, C. B. Faris, C. Laxon, J. J. Ellis, J. S. Williams, J. H. Richardson, J. J. Pitts, A. J. Ford. 26.

Ques. 18. Who are superannuated?

J. W. Tarrant, E. J. Allen, A. J. B. Foster, G. Green, S. Lassiter, G. W. Martin. 6.

Ques. 19. What preachers have died during the past year?

W. J. Hale, A. W. Smith, R. T. Rowland. 3.

WILLIAM J. HALE was born April 2, 1834, and departed this life at his residence in Statesville, Wilson co., Tenn., May 15, 1875. Brother Hale was converted and joined the M. E. Church, South, at a meeting held by the Rev. J. J. Comer, at Liberty, Tenn., in June, 1859, and was ever after a most zealous Christian. About that time he was happily married to Miss Paralee Sellars, and settled in business in Statesville, where, for several years, he was engaged in selling goods. He applied for, and received, a license to preach in September, 1868, and for one year he labored faithfully, as a local preacher, in the destitute region contiguous to his home. Here he laid the foundation for much usefulness in the Church of God. He was admitted on trial into the Tennessee Conference at Murfreesboro, Tenn., September, 1869, and appointed to the Statesville Mission, which charge he served for four consecutive years, and by his zeal and energy developed this new and uncultivated field into a good circuit. In the meantime he had brought up all his studies. He was ordained deacon by Bishop Pierce, at Lebanon, Tenn., October, 1871, and elder by Bishop McTyeire, at Franklin, Tenn., October, 1873, and was appointed in charge of the Woodbury Circuit. Brother Hale was a man of feeble frame; his health was poor for many years, but he possessed great energy and did a noble work; but consumption had marked him as a victim, and early in his fifth year in the Conference his health entirely failed, and he returned home to die. At the Conference in Gallatin, in 1874, he was placed upon the list of the supernumerary; his work was done. He lingered until May 15, 1875, and sweetly fell asleep in Jesus. His was a complete triumph. He rests from his labor, and his works do follow him. "Servant of God, well done!"

ROBERT T. ROWLAND, son of William Rowland, was born in Montgomery county, Tenn., about the year 1848. His mother died when he was quite a child, yet he sought the Lord in his youth, and sustained the reputation of a good, exemplary boy, in Stewart county, where he was reared. He told his pastor, the Rev. W. A. Turner, who baptized him, of his call to preach, and was licensed to exhort in 1867. The next year he was licensed to preach by the Quarterly Conference of the Yellow Creek Circuit, at Moore's Chapel. He was admitted on trial into the Tennessee Conference in 1869, and appointed to the White Oak Circuit. The following year he traveled the Waverly Circuit; then he was stationed at Springfield one year; the next year he was at Claiborne Chapel, Nashville; the following year he filled the Sparta Station. At our last Conference-

session he was stationed at Trinity, in Edgefield, but was afterward changed to Wesley Circuit. The brethren of this Conference, who knew him well, speak in strong terms of his purity of heart and life; his high order of intellect, which he was rapidly developing by close, diligent study; his habits of industry and economy; his modesty and propriety of deportment in every circle and relation of life. The people of his respective charges regarded Brother Rowland as a good preacher, a faithful pastor, and a model of piety. As an itinerant, he was true, prompt, and zealous; did his work well, and made full proof of his ministry. He abounded in pastoral work on the Wesley Circuit, and no exposure was too great for him when duty called. But the rigorous winter proved too severe a test for his feeble frame and delicate constitution to endure. Several hemorrhages from the lungs, in May, gave indication that a fatal disease was rapidly developing. He preached his last sermon either the third or fourth Sunday in May. Early in July he left Brother T. B. Holt's, his circuit-home, to visit the family of Brother John Haley, near Greenwood. There he was taken so ill that he never left the home of this kind and generous family. It was a lovely place for an invalid laborer in which to close earthly sojourn and suffering. The tender, loving ministries of Brother and Sister Haley were beautiful to behold. His own father and sister could not have done more to make his dying chair and couch smooth and peaceful. Drs. Williams and Richardson, of our Church, were kind and devoted in faithful attendance and attentions during his long sickness. He had arranged all his temporal affairs, and yet earnestly desired to live to labor in the loved employ of the Master. Two weeks before his departure Brother Holt, a lay delegate of this Conference, intimated to him that his end was near. After a few moments of earnest prayer, there was light in the valley, and a signal triumph over the last enemy. Thenceforth he desired to depart and be with Christ. Daily, as Brother Holt read the Scriptures, and talked with him, his heart grew joyous in hope of release from suffering, and the rest and reward so near, and he exultingly declared that his path grew brighter and brighter as he approached the perfect day. Thirteen days ago he sent us his dying love-message by his Presiding Elder, the Rev. R. P. Ransom, saying, "Give my love to the brethren of the Tennessee Conference. I love them better than any men in the world. If I die before the Conference meets, which I think probable, tell them I die in the Lord." On Wednesday night, Sept. 29, there was a severe struggle for a few minutes, then for nearly an hour he was sinking peacefully and quietly to rest, as a child drops to sweet and gentle slumber. Dr. Williams said to him, "Brother Rowland, do you know that you are dying?" He replied, "Yes—I am going to heaven." This dying testimony he twice repeated at intervals, and added, "Thank God!" and then the spirit of the pure,

noble, consecrated Rowland took wing for the home of the true and the good. He was buried by the Masonic brotherhood, with the honors of the Order, the day following, at the home of Father Matthew Hughes, near Greenwood, on the Wesley Circuit. Truly, he fell like a martyr, and died and was buried at his post.

AUSTIN WILLIS SMITH was born in Davidson co., Tenn., Oct. 4, 1836, and died at his post in Columbia, Tenn., Sept. 23, 1875. He was the son of Winn B. and Nancy Smith, who are still living in Dickson co., Tenn. Dr. Smith professed religion under the preaching of the Rev. Jos. G. Myers, at Bethel Church, in Dickson county. After his conversion he felt it to be his duty to preach, and, after resolving to do so, had a conflict in his mind as to which Church he should attach himself to—his father being a Presbyterian and his mother a Methodist. How natural the conclusion: a mother's care and influence preponderated the balance in favor of her Church. He united himself, soul, body, and heart, to the Methodist Episcopal Church, South; was licensed to preach by the Rev. John W. Hanner, D.D., March 13, 1859, and joined the Tennessee Annual Conference at its session in Columbia in 1859. His ministerial life was a charming circle, for at the point where he began his mission, there, having completed the glowing circuit, he lay down and died. He was impressed that a physician had a greater field for usefulness than any other professional man, especially when combined with the ministerial calling; and, acting upon this conviction, he prepared himself thoroughly, and graduated in medicine at the Nashville Medical College, in February, 1867. Although he did not at any time practice, or volunteer his medical learning, yet, when called for, his diagnosis demanded respect. He was appointed by the Conference of 1859 to the Waverly Circuit. In 1860 he was sent to the Sparta Station. During this Conference-year he joined the Confederate army as a private soldier, in the Forty-fourth Tennessee Regiment. He was badly wounded in a battle near Farmington, Miss., five or six miles east of Corinth, the ball passing through his body, penetrating the liver. Soon after his recovery he was promoted, for gallantry, to the rank of Major, by Gen. Braxton Bragg; soon after he resigned the office of Major, and was elected Chaplain of the Twenty-third Tennessee Regiment, and afterward Chaplain of Gen. Dibrell's Cavalry. Gen. Dibrell says of him, "He was the bravest man I ever saw." In South Carolina he met her who afterward became his devoted wife. He was married to Mrs. Rebecca Cornwell, daughter of Jos. A. Wylie, in Chester county, April 30, 1865. His devotion to his wife—those delicate, respectful attentions—his readiness to assist her in all her household duties, were indices of the highest style of man. He was with the Confederacy in its last hour, being one of the escort who accompanied Gen. Jefferson Davis from Greensboro to Charlotte.

In 1865 he was stationed at Mulberry Street, Nashville; in 1866 was sent to Athens, Ala.; in 1867 was appointed to Trinity and Ewing's, near Nashville; in 1868 was sent to Lebanon Station; and in 1869 to Columbia Station, where he remained four years. He was appointed in 1873 to New Providence Station, and in 1874 was returned to Columbia Station, where, beloved by everybody who knew him, and in full view of the promised land, he ceased to labor and to live. His religion was of that healthy, brave kind that kept him cheerful and diligent. He received just any appointment without complaint, and made the most of it. "Well," said he on a certain occasion, after the reading of the Appointments, "I reckon Becky and I can live where anybody else can." His death was a beautiful comment on his life. As he was ready to go at the call of the Bishop, he was ready to go at the call of his Master. He said to Brother Jones, a Presbyterian minister, during his first attack: "Brother Jones, I want you to know that I am prepared to die. I do not know but that this sickness may terminate in my death, and perhaps I may not retain my consciousness to the last, and I wish you to know, and through you I wish the people to know, that the Saviour whom I have preached to others is near and dear to me now." On the day of his death he called his wife and relatives about him, repeated the Lord's Prayer, and kissed them a last adieu. But a short time before his death, he placed his arms affectionately about the neck of his Presiding Elder, Brother Wellborn Mooney, and whispered, "Pray for me!" and then again, in a scarcely audible voice, "I am resting on the old foundation; tell the brethren I have been more deeply in love with them." Still speaking of the Conference, he said, "I wanted to go this time!" At last he said, "Kiss me good-by! There is rest! there is rest!" He died as peacefully and calmly as he lived—without a groan closed his eyes as one going to sleep. "I know," says his sorrowing widow, "that he has gone from us forever, but it is hard to realize that he will never be with us in this world again." Brothers Kelley, Irvine, and numbers of the brethren, visited him in his last sickness, and saw the beginning of his glorification—the twilight of the other world falling upon his vision; for he saw by faith over the mountains, over the river, through the gates of pearl, into the city. He heard the voice of the Judge: "Come, ye blessed of my Father!" May his faith be the faith of his brethren! May the Lord comfort and bless his bereaved wife, and shower the richest blessings upon the flock for whom he labored, and with whom he died!

Ques. 20. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?

Their names were called over, one by one, and their characters examined and passed, except that of J. W. Hanner, sr., who "was suspended from the office of the Christian ministry in the Methodist Episcopal Church,

South," and that of S. M. Merrill, who withdrew from the Connection.

Ques. 21. What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations, and missions of the Conference?

Nashville District.

	White Mem's.	Col'd Mem's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Nashville:			
McKendree Station.....	760		3
West End.....	187		
Elm-street Station.....	381		
Clairborne Chapel.....	202	1	
Arlington.....	40	1	
Sawrie Chapel.....	117	1	
Tulip-street Station.....	366	4	
North Edgefield Station.....	105	1	
Trinity Station.....	103		
Union Circuit.....	293		
White's Creek Circuit.....	250	2	
Mill Creek Circuit.....	413		
Nashville Circuit.....	440		5
Hobson Chapel.....	115		2
	3772		20

Gallatin District.

	White Mem's.	Col'd Mem's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Gallatin Station.....	250		
Gallatin Circuit.....	192	1	
Summer Circuit.....	365	2	
Bethphage and Trinity.....	183		
Cairo Bend Mission.....	113	1	
Fountain Head Circuit.....	274	1	
Summit Mission.....	302	1	
Pleasant Grove.....	370	4	
Goodlettsville Circuit.....	290	2	
Forest Grove Circuit.....	330	4	
Lebanon Station.....	175		
Lebanon Circuit.....	515		2
	3368		18

Carthage District.

	White Mem's.	Col'd Mem's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Carthage Circuit.....	152	1	
Mount Olivet Circuit.....	312	1	
Alexandria Circuit.....	420	2	
Cumberland Circuit.....	728	10	
Cookeville Mission.....	302	1	
Livingston Circuit.....	515	2	
Monroe Mission.....	223		
Celina Circuit.....	214	3	
Gainesboro Circuit.....	276	3	
Wartrace Circuit.....	375	4	
Goose Creek Circuit.....	332	2	
La Fayette Circuit.....	455	2	
Red Springs Mission.....	9		
	4313		31

McMinnville District.

	White Mem's.	Col'd Mem's.	Loc'l Pr's.
McMinnville Station.....	71		
McMinnville Circuit.....	394	5	
Warren Circuit.....			
Manchester Station.....	66		
Tullahoma and Decherd.....	125	1	
Bedford Circuit.....	429	2	
Hickory Creek Circuit.....	714	5	
Manchester Circuit.....	292	6	
Alto and Mountain Mission.....	320	4	
Sparta Station.....	84	3	
Sparta Circuit.....	585	6	
Hickory Valley Mission.....	242	1	
Smithville Circuit.....	485	6	
Woodbury Circuit.....	250		
Statesville Circuit.....	250	2	
	4307		46

Murfreesboro District.

	White Mem's.	Col'd Mem's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Murfreesboro Station.....	350		2
Stone's River Circuit.....	204		3
Concord.....	370		2
Shelbyville Station.....	152		
Unionville Circuit.....	535		
Beech Grove Circuit.....	254		3

Murfreesboro District (continued).

	White Mem's.	Col'd Mem's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Nolensville Circuit.....	308		
Kedron.....	334		
Kelley Chapel and Smyrna Station.....	224		
Canesville Circuit.....	372		5
Bellbuckle and Fosterville Station.....	132		4
	3235		19

Fayetteville District.

	White Mem's.	Col'd Mem's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Fayetteville Station.....	88		2
Mulberry Circuit.....	365		5
Pleasant Plains Circuit.....	523		8
Cornersville Station.....	165		3
Lewisburg Circuit.....	478		1
Lynchburg Circuit.....	295		3
Marble Hill Circuit.....	352		5
Winchester Station.....	93		1
Salem Circuit.....	368		3
Rich Valley.....	459		2
Petersburg Circuit.....	500		5
	3686		38

Columbia District.

	White Mem's.	Col'd Mem's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Columbia Station.....	327		1
Nebo and Williamsport Station.....	264		5
Mount Pleasant Circuit.....	212		1
Duck River Circuit.....	214		1
Culleoka Station.....	218		4
Lynnville Circuit.....	315		2
Marcella Falls Mission.....	318		1
Pleasant Valley Station.....	135		2
Pulaski Station.....	330		2
Prospect Circuit.....	751		5
Richland Circuit.....	560		8
Mount Pisgah Circuit.....	848		6
	4492		38

Savannah District.

	White Mem's.	Col'd Mem's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Savannah Station.....	163		
Savannah Circuit.....	499		6
Lowryville Mission.....	260		6
Wayland Springs Mission.....	319		7
Lawrenceburg Circuit.....	276	1	3
Pisgah and Hampshire Circuit.....	109		1
Laurel Hill Station.....	77		1
Ashland Circuit.....	257		3
Linden Circuit and Lobleville Mis.....	189		4
Clifton Circuit.....	384		6
Oakland Mission.....	207		5
	2740		42

Franklin District.

	White Mem's.	Col'd Mem's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Franklin Station.....	391		2
Harpeth Station.....	215		
Bethlehem Station.....	250		1
Cave Spring Circuit.....	314		2
Douglass Circuit.....	307		2
Smith's Spring Circuit.....	351		4
Wesley Circuit.....	314		1
Chapel Hill Circuit.....	425		2
Spring Hill Circuit.....	232		4
Bethesda Station.....	359		1
Spring Hill Station.....	95		1
Brentwood Station.....	145		1
	3308		21

Centerville District.

	White Mem's.	Col'd Mem's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Centerville Circuit.....	461		1
Santa Fe Circuit.....	220		1
Pinewood Circuit.....	287		
Yellow Creek Circuit.....	634		12
Dover Circuit.....	160		1
Standing Rock Mission.....	274		2
White Oak.....			
Ebenezer and Liberty.....	371		2
Waverly Circuit.....	298		2
Bon Aqua Mission.....	236		3
Beaver Dam Springs.....	214		2
	3158		26

Clarksville District.

	White Mem's.	Col'd Mem's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Clarksville Station.....	261	.....	2
South Clarksville Mission.....	40	.....	1
New Providence Station.....	71	.....	.....
Cedar Hill Station.....	503	1	3
Asbury Circuit.....	590	.....	3
Red River Circuit.....	483	.....	3
Springfield Station.....	132	.....	1
Montgomery Circuit.....	394	.....	2
Saline Circuit.....	328	.....	6
Antioch Circuit.....	768	.....	3
Dickson Circuit.....	216	.....	2
Cheatham Circuit.....	375	.....	2
Paint Rock Mission.....	136	.....	4
	4297	1	32

Recapitulation.

Nashville District.....	3772	.....	20
Gallatin ".....	3368	.....	18
Carthage ".....	4313	.....	31
McMinnville ".....	4307	.....	46
Murfreesboro ".....	3235	.....	19
Fayetteville ".....	3686	.....	38
Columbia ".....	4492	.....	38
Savannah ".....	2740	1	42
Franklin ".....	3398	.....	21
Centerville ".....	3158	.....	26
Clarksville ".....	4297	1	32
Total this year.....	46,766	2	331
Total last year.....	41,004	10	342
Decrease.....	238	8	11

Ques. 22. How many infants have been baptized during the year?
687.

Ques. 23. How many adults have been baptized during the year?
2039.

Ques. 24. What is the number of Sunday-schools?
361.

Ques. 25. What is the number of Sunday-school teachers?
2579.

Ques. 26. What is the number of Sunday-school scholars?
17,876.

Ques. 27. What amount is necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers?
\$3,000.

Ques. 28. What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied?

Collected, \$2,008 15
Applied as follows:

Dr. Baldwin's children,	270 00
Mrs. T. W. Randle and children,	300 00
Mrs. J. A. Walkup,	26 15
Mrs. Jared,	25 00
Fletcher Tarrant's daughter,	100 00
Mrs. M. W. Gray,	80 00
Mrs. Martin Clark,	50 00
Rev. A. J. B. Foster,	150 00
Mrs. G. D. Taylor,	65 00
Mrs. Tinnen,	50 00
Mrs. H. H. Brown,	100 00
Mrs. D. H. Jones,	25 00

Brought forward,	\$1,241 15
Mrs. Sion Record,	90 00
Rev. J. W. Tarrant,	200 00
Mrs. F. E. Pitts,	20 00
Mrs. Cooley,	50 00
Rev. Golman Green,	100 00
Mrs. Gaut,	75 00
Mrs. W. Randle,	37 00
Mrs. John McCurdy,	25 00
Tommie Lankford,	25 00
Rev. E. J. Allen,	125 00
Rev. Geo. W. Martin,	25 00
	\$2,013 15

Ques. 29. What has been contributed for missions?

\$6,342 84.

Ques. 30. Where shall the next session of the Conference be held?
At Columbia, Tenn.

Ques. 31. Where are the preachers stationed this year?

NASHVILLE DISTRICT.

R. K. Hargrove, P. E.

Nashville:

McKendree, D. C. Kelley.
West End, W. M. Green.
Elm Street, F. R. Hill.
Woodbine, W. R. T. Lambuth.
Claiborne Chapel, J. G. Myers, J. Rains, Sup.
City Missionary, J. Nichols.
Arlington, J. W. Hill.
Sawrie Chapel, J. T. Pittman.
Tulip Street, J. P. McFerrin.
North Edgefield, J. A. McFerrin, W. R. Warren, Sup.
Trinity, E. T. Hart.
Union, D. F. Haynes.
White's Creek, T. H. Woodward.
Hampton, to be supplied (by A. Matthews).
Nashville Circuit, W. W. Brinsfield.
Hobson Chapel, W. R. Peebles.
Vanderbilt University, R. A. Young, Agent;
T. O. Summers, jr., Professor.
Secretary of Missionary Board, J. B. McFerrin.
Sunday-school Agent, A. Mizell.

GALLATIN DISTRICT.

J. F. Hughes, P. E.

Gallatin Station, J. R. Plummer.
Gallatin Circuit, B. F. Ferrell.
Sumner Circuit, W. G. Dorris.
Sandersville, G. W. Martin.
Bethpage and Trinity, J. G. Ray.
Cairo Bend, J. H. Roberts, J. J. Ellis, Sup.
Fountain Head, G. M. Sanders.
Pleasant Grove, J. W. Bell.
Forest Grove, H. J. Ivie.
Goodlettsville, A. P. McFerrin, A. C. Matthews, Sup.
Lebanon Station, W. H. Hughes, J. S. Williams, Sup.

Lebanon Circuit, J. J. Pittman, W. H. Johnson, Sup.
Summit Mission, G. W. Johnson.

CARTHAGE DISTRICT.

B. M. Stephens, P. E.

Carthage, W. Witcher.
Mount Olivet, N. B. S. Owings.
Alexandria, Wm. Doss.
Cumberland, W. N. Moore, M. N. Ford, Sup.
Cookeville, to be supplied (by D. M. Southard).
Livingston, G. D. Byrne.
Monroe Mission, J. W. Benson.
Celina, J. H. Chambliss.
Gainesboro, E. Dickens.
Wartrace, H. S. Kennedy.
Goose Creek, B. G. Ferrell.
La Fayette, Z. W. Moores.

McMINNVILLE DISTRICT.

J. J. Comer, P. E.

McMinnville and Manchester, G. P. Jackson.
McMinnville Circuit, H. D. Reams, A. H. Reams, Sup.
Tullahoma and Decherd, R. P. Ganaway.
Hillsboro, G. D. Guinn.
Bedford, D. H. Merryman, one to be supplied (by T. B. Malone).
Woodbury, W. H. Anthony.
Cannon Mission, R. T. McBride.
Hickory Creek, G. W. Anderson, A. J. Ford, Sup.
Sparta, J. H. Nichols.
Hickory Valley Mission, U. N. M. Berry.
Smithville, S. H. Andrews.
Statesville, J. G. Molloy.

MURFREESBORO DISTRICT.

W. D. F. Sawrie, P. E.

Murfreesboro Station, J. D. Barbee.
Stone's River Circuit, R. R. Jones.
Walnut Grove and Morgan's Chapel, G. T. Henderson.
Concord, S. L. Fain, T. B. Marks, Sup.
Shelbyville Station, H. S. McBride.
Unionville, O. G. Halliburton, W. M. Shaw, Sup.
Nolensville, L. C. Bryan.
Kedron, J. Webster.
Kelley Chapel and Smyrna, G. W. Winn.
Canesville, R. W. Bellamy.
Bellbuckle and Wartrace, T. H. Hinson.
Mill Creek, G. L. Staley, U. S. Bates, Sup.
Soule Female College, J. B. West, President.
Science Hill Academy, A. T. Crawford, President.
Eaton High School, J. R. Thompson, President.

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT.

J. B. Allison, P. E.

Fayetteville Station, A. F. Lawrence.
Mulberry Circuit, W. J. Collier, M. R. Tucker, Sup.

Pleasant Plains, G. S. Byrom, W. H. Riggan, Sup.
Cornersville, R. E. Travis.
Lewisburg, W. T. Gill.
Marble Hill, B. J. Gaston.
Winchester Station, T. A. Kerley, W. B. Woodward, Sup.
Salem Mission, B. F. Stone, C. E. Heriges, C. Laxon, Sup.
Rich Valley, R. A. Reagan.
Farmington Mission, A. Tribble.
Petersburg Circuit, W. B. Lowery.
Lynchburg, J. P. Funk.
Fayetteville High School, T. B. Fisher.

COLUMBIA DISTRICT.

Wellborn Mooney, P. E.

Columbia Station, J. A. Orman, J. B. Hamilton, Sup.
Nebo and Williamsport, W. G. Hensley.
Mount Pleasant, W. H. Wilkes, S. M. Griffin.
Culleoka and Hurricane, J. C. Putman.
Lynnville, A. M. Ezell, J. M. Locke, Sup.
Marcella Falls Mission, R. W. Seay.
Pleasant Valley, R. G. Irvine.
Pulaski Station, A. G. Dinwiddie.
Trinity, F. F. Fagan.
Prospect, J. Sherrill.
Richland, J. B. Anderson.
Mount Pisgah, R. L. Fagan, J. H. Strayhorn, Sup.
Martin Female College, R. H. Rivers, President.

SAVANNAH DISTRICT.

J. G. Bolton, P. E.

Savannah Station, P. A. Sowell.
Pilgrim's Rest, W. M. Doyle.
Savannah Circuit, P. T. Martin, J. F. Corbin.
Lawrenceburg and Wayland Springs, M. J. Mabry, W. J. Wright, Sup.
Lawrenceburg Station, W. Weakley.
Factory Mission, to be supplied.
Pisgah and Hampshire, J. B. Erwin.
Laurel Hill, L. G. Hensley.
Ashland, A. Brown.
Linden, W. P. Warren.
Liberty and Lobleville, J. W. Rooker.
Clifton, R. P. Gray.
Oakland Mission, J. S. Marks, H. L. Booth, Sup.
Indian Creek Mission, W. T. Dye.
Swan Creek Mission, C. H. Yates.
Savannah Female College, to be supplied.
American Bible Society, S. P. Whitten, Superintendent.

FRANKLIN DISTRICT.

R. P. Ransom, P. E.

Franklin Station, J. W. Hanner, jr.
Harpeth Station, C. Clenny, J. H. Richardson, Sup.
Bethlehem Station, J. O. Blanton.
Cave Spring, J. L. Kellum.
Douglass, J. M. Jordan.

Smith Springs, W. P. Hickman.
Wesley Circuit, F. S. Petway, C. B. Faris,
Sup.
Chapel Hill, J. G. Rice.
Spring Hill Circuit, R. M. Haggard.
Bethesda, S. M. Cherry.
Spring Hill and Thompson Station, F. C.
Wilkes.
Brentwood, A. A. Allison, J. J. Pitts, Sup.

CENTERVILLE DISTRICT.

T. L. Moody, P. E.

Centerville, W. D. Cherry.
Santa Fe, R. G. Linn.
Pinewood, B. F. Jackson.
Yellow Creek, J. G. Hinson.
Dover, W. T. Nesbitt.
Standing Rock, H. S. Ledbetter.
White Oak, P. W. Gavin.
Waverly and Ebenezer, W. W. Graves.
Bon Aqua Springs Mission, E. W. White, M.
A. Erwin.
Beaver Dam Springs, G. W. Coleman.
Blue Creek, T. S. Cullom.

CLARKSVILLE DISTRICT.

W. Burr, P. E.

Clarksville Station, R. K. Brown.
South Clarksville, A. B. Coke.
Providence and Bethel, T. J. Duncan.
Cedar Hill, W. A. Turner.
Asbury, Jordan Moore, G. W. Brown, Sup.
Red River, J. R. Reagin.
Springfield, J. W. Cullom, S. D. Ogburn, Sup.
Montgomery, R. A. Wilson.
Saline, J. T. Duncan.
Antioch, A. T. Goodloe.
Palmyra, W. A. Leath.
Dickson, J. H. Reynolds.
Cheatham, W. H. Doss.
Clarksville Female Academy, J. M. Wright,
President.

S. A. Ellis transferred to North Mississippi Conference.

B. H. Johnson transferred to North-west Texas Conference.

J. W. Bryant transferred to Arkansas Conference.

John J. Ransom, Missionary to Brazil, S. A.

XVII.—KENTUCKY CONFERENCE.

HELD AT MAYSVILLE, KY., *September 22-29, 1875.*

BISHOP MARVIN, *President*; T. F. VANMETER, *Secretary*.

QUESTION 1. Who are admitted on trial?

ANSWER. J. T. Davis, R. B. Owen, F. A. Savage, T. W. McIntyre, J. H. Williams. 5.

Ques. 2. Who remain on trial?

H. A. Smith, W. W. Spates, A. Redd, J. C. C. Newton, R. H. Wightman, C. F. Reid, L. D. Shaw. 7.

Ques. 3. Who are discontinued?

J. W. Sagerser, at his own request. 1.

Ques. 4. Who are admitted into full connection?

J. E. Wright, T. J. McIntyre, Morton Scott, W. H. Quisenbury, J. W. Simmons. 5.

Ques. 5. Who are readmitted?

None.

Ques. 6. Who are received by transfer from other Conferences?

H. W. Abbott, J. R. Peeples, H. H. Kavanaugh, W. C. Hayes, W. B. Kavanaugh. 5.

Ques. 7. Who are the deacons of one year?

C. M. Humphrey, W. H. H. Ditzler. 2.

Ques. 8. What traveling preachers are elected deacons?

J. E. Wright, T. J. McIntyre, J. W. Simmons. 3.

Ques. 9. What traveling preachers are ordained deacons?

J. E. Wright, T. J. McIntyre, J. W. Simmons. 3.

Ques. 10. What local preachers are elected deacons?

W. W. Spates, W. C. Wilson, J. H. Williams, G. G. Ragan, James Hollinsworth, Levi Hoback. 6.

Ques. 11. What local preachers are ordained deacons?

W. W. Spates, W. C. Wilson, J. H. Williams. 3.

Ques. 12. What traveling preachers are elected elders?

T. F. Taliaferro, J. Reeves, T. E. Burr, George Froh. 4.

Ques. 13. What traveling preachers are ordained elders?

T. F. Taliaferro, J. Reeves, T. E. Burr, George Froh. 4.

Ques. 14. What local preachers are elected elders?

John Hamilton. 1.

Ques. 15. What local preachers are ordained elders?

John Hamilton. 1.

Ques. 16. Who are located this year?

J. E. Letton, R. T. P. Allen. 2.

Ques. 17. Who are supernumerary?

W. A. G. Emmerson, F. W. Noland, S. Noland, G. B. Poage, E. P. Buckner, H. M. Linney, P. E. Kavanaugh, W. H. H. Ditzler. 8.

Ques. 18. Who are superannuated?

Elkanah Johnson, J. C. Hardy, W. C. Atmore, J. C. Crow, W. B. Landrum, J. Strother, T. P. C. Shelman, W. McD. Abbett. 8.

Ques. 19. What preachers have died during the past year?

Isaac Collord, John Sandusky, W. Bickers, V. C. Cummins. 4.

ISAAC COLLORD was born in the city of New York, June 25, 1794, and died on Monday morning, March 8, 1875, at 10 o'clock, in the city of Cincinnati. In his youth he labored at sail-making; and while thus engaged, he made the canvas-bottoms for the berths of Fulton's first successful steam-boat—the "Claremont." When, a few years since, an engraving of that boat was shown him, he remarked, "It is pretty correct, but the 'Claremont' had a wooden walking-beam, and it was a very conspicuous feature." He lived to see this first crude attempt to apply steam to navigation developed into the grandest proportions. Fulton's first boat having been run up the Hudson in 1807, Mr. Collord was only thirteen years old when he made the canvas-bottoms for the berths of the "Claremont." Thusearly in youth was his hand trained, and his nerves strung, for the long struggle before him. On Aug. 15, 1810, he united with the Methodist Church—the old John-street Methodist Church, in the city of New York—and was baptized by Joseph Pilmoor, one of the first Methodist missionaries sent by Mr. Wesley to America in 1769. He lived to see the old John-street Methodist Church, which was the first Methodist church-building erected in America, multiply into thousands of elegant edifices, erected to God under Methodist auspices, and filled with hundreds of thousands of converted souls. It is the privilege of but few men to be personal observers of such grand achievements of the grace of God. He came to Cincinnati, then a small town, in 1811, with his father, Thomas B. C. Collord, who commenced the tanning business on East Front street. He immediately united with the "Old Stone Church," afterward "Wesley Chapel," on Fifth street. From that time to the day of his "departure" to the city "whose builder and maker is God," he was, to a greater or less extent, connected with Cincinnati, contributing to its commercial and moral development. He was a member of Captain Joseph Carpenter's company, Zumalt's regiment, Gano's brigade, in the war of 1812, in which capacity, as in all others in life, he acquitted himself well. His duties discharged in that relation, he returned to

Cincinnati, and on Feb. 29, 1816, was married to Miss Eliza Smead, daughter of Dr. Ithiel Smead. Hand in hand, through many and sore afflictions, they walked together until 1862, when this bosom friend, in a forty-six years' pilgrimage, crossed the river, and received the crown. In July, 1818, he was licensed to preach the gospel, by the Quarterly Conference of the Old Stone Church, Joseph Crume being Presiding Elder, and Alexander Cummings pastor. Here began a life of self-sacrifice, zeal, and achievement that challenges our admiration, and invites us to the highest plane of Christian devotion. In 1819 he joined the Ohio Conference at Cincinnati, and was appointed to what was then known as the "Limestone Circuit," in the State of Kentucky. In 1820 he was appointed to the Little Sandy Circuit; 1821, appointed to the Big Kanawha Circuit; 1822, appointed to the Jefferson Circuit; 1823-4, appointed to Salt River Circuit; 1825, appointed to Mount Sterling; 1826-7, stationed at Newport; 1828-9, stationed at Cynthiana; 1831-2, appointed to the Jefferson Circuit; 1833-6, Presiding Elder on the Hopkinsville District; 1837, appointed to the Logan Circuit; 1838-41, Presiding Elder on the Augusta District; 1842, appointed to the Minerva Circuit; 1843-4, stationed at Carrollton; 1845-6, on the Shelby Circuit; and 1847-8, on the Bloomfield Circuit. At the Conference of 1848, after twenty-nine years of itinerant life, he was placed upon the list of the superannuated, where he remained until his death. We of the present day can poorly appreciate the meaning of a twenty-nine years' itinerant life at the period we have mentioned. It required the spirit of a martyr to brave the privations and hardships incident to the pioneer-life of that day. Through these Brother Collord passed with unflinching devotion to God and the Church. Superannuation did not mean inactivity to him. Perhaps few men in the Methodist Church ever did more hard work while sustaining that relation than Brother Collord. In Belleview, Covington, and various other places in Kentucky, and in Rising Sun, Ind., and in Cincinnati, as also in various other localities, he made full proof of his ministry. The last two years of his life were years of great bodily feebleness and suffering, so much so that he seldom enjoyed even the privilege of worshipping in the church. It is scarcely necessary to add that the end of such a man was peace. He died as he lived, at his post. His mental faculties were obscured during the last hours of his life, but he had given his testimony in a long and faithful service, and it was not necessary to supplement it in the dying-hour. Brother Collord was endowed with a vigorous intellect, which he cultivated by extensive and judicious reading. Even down to within the last few months of his death his mind was remarkably clear and his memory unusually vigorous. Modest and retiring in his nature, to the casual observer he might seem incapable of high and bold enterprise; yet when the occasion came

to act, he had the courage and daring of a hero. He was eminently genial and companionable in his temperament, always, in his social intercourse, avoiding a trifling levity on the one hand and a repelling austerity on the other. His faithful and noble life is before us; let us embalm it in our hearts and ingraft it upon our practice; and may the grace of God, which sustained him in his long and arduous career, be our support even unto death!

JOHN SANDUSKY, well known over a large portion of Kentucky as an able, sincere, and effective minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, died Oct. 15, 1874, at the house of his daughter, Catherine Logan. His health had been feeble for some time previous, and on the Sabbath preceding, about 2 o'clock p. m., he had a stroke of paralysis, which was the second that had occurred to him during the last two years, and from the moment of the attack until death he remained entirely unconscious. He was born Jan. 11, 1798, in what was then called Jefferson (now Marion) co., Ky., and in the same neighborhood of his death. He was a descendant of one of those hardy pioneers, who, in 1776, while Kentucky was yet a territory of Virginia, settled on Pleasant Run, and established "Sandusky Station." Brother Sandusky was twice married. His first wife was a Miss Esther Thompson, to whom he was married Feb. 17, 1820. His second wife was Miss L. A. Barbour, to whom he was married Aug. 8, 1858, and who survives him. The former Mrs. Sandusky died July 23, 1857. Brother Sandusky was a man of marked character, and calculated to be a useful and effective citizen in any position. Brave and unselfish, generous and just, he had the love and confidence of all who knew him. Though possessed of limited education, he was endowed with superior intellect, and, by study and application, had made himself master of the system of theology of the Church to which he belonged, and was a most thorough believer in its doctrines and usages. His style of preaching was clear and forcible, and his manner warm and zealous. He was greatly gifted in prayer. His connection with the ministry extended over a period of nearly, if not quite, fifty years, either as a local or traveling preacher, and embraced a time of most arduous labor and self-sacrifice to meet the duties of the position—large circuits, sparse population, and but little compensation. But no one in the Church's history met those duties more cheerfully, or discharged them more faithfully, than he did.

WILLIAM BICKERS was born in Scott co., Ky., Nov. 5, 1821, and removed, with his parents, to Grant county in 1825. He joined the Church when a small boy; professed religion in 1840; was licensed to preach and admitted on trial into the Kentucky Conference at Bowling Green in 1844, and appointed to Lebanon; and in 1845 to Louisa. In 1846 he was ordained deacon, and appointed to Piketon; and

in 1847 to Piketon and Prestonsburg. In 1848 he was ordained elder, and sent to Lockport; and in 1849 to Point Pleasant, West Virginia, from which he was removed by his Presiding Elder, the following spring, to supply the Glenncville Circuit. At this time the Western Virginia Conference was organized, of which, by reason of his position, he became a charter member, in the bounds of which he continued his labors until it was broken up by the war in 1861. He was married to Miss Lizzie J. Kirby, of Parkersburg, Va., by her pastor, the Rev. W. B. McFarland, Sept. 9, 1850, who shared with him labors and sacrifices of the itinerancy until called from the Church militant to the Church triumphant. From 1850 to 1861 he served the following charges—to wit: Broxford Circuit, Little Kanawha Circuit, Clarksburg District (four years), and Charleston Circuit. Here he had a gracious revival, during which one hundred and fifty were added to the Church. In this work he was assisted by the Rev. J. F. Medley. He was reappointed to the same charge in 1861, but in common with his brethren he was driven from his post by the military early that autumn, and returned to Kentucky. He was readmitted into the Kentucky Conference in 1862, and appointed to the Shelby Circuit; but before entering upon his work he was changed by Bishop Kavanaugh to Carlisle. In 1863-4 he was appointed to Perryville; in 1865 to Oxford, and 1866 to Jessamine. In 1867-8-9 was stationed at Sharpsburg and Bethel, and in 1870 at Carlisle. This year his health failed, and in 1871 he was placed on the list of the superannuated, which relation was never changed. Brother Bickers was a conscientious Christian, a faithful minister of the gospel, a true friend, and a devoted husband and father. He died of consumption of the bowels, Feb. 22, 1875, with his hopes firmly anchored within the veil. His remains were deposited in the cemetery at Danville, at his own request, to await the resurrection morn.

V. C. CUMMINS was born in Harrison co., Ky., May, 1848, of Methodist parents, and professed religion and united with the Church in 1863. He was educated at the Kentucky Wesleyan University, and was received into the Kentucky Conference on trial, Sept. 20, 1872, at its session in Harrodsburg, and was appointed to Mount Pleasant Station, where, by his earnest piety and high social qualities, he soon won the hearts of all who knew him. In 1873 he was appointed to Milton Circuit; and in November of that year he was united in marriage to Miss Kate Collier, of his former charge. In 1874 he was ordained deacon at Mount Sterling and reappointed to Milton Circuit, where he continued his labors with great success until he was stricken down with typhoid fever, which terminated them July 20, 1875. Brother Cummins gave in his death, as in his life, the strongest proof of the power of the gospel to save. His remains lie entombed in the Newport cemetery.

Ques. 20. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?

Their names were called over, one by one, and their characters examined and passed, except B. Arbogast, who was suspended for one year. C. Foster withdrawn.

Ques. 21. What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations, and missions of the Conference?

Shelbyville District (continued).

	White Mem's.	Col'd Mem's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Springport	580	22	5
La Grange	165		1
Jacksonville	300	4	1
Harmona	246		
	3632	31	16

Lexington District.

	White Mem's.	Col'd Mem's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Lexington	250		1
Paris	208		
Winchester	178		
Ebenezer	51		
Versailles	188		
Mount Sterling	414		1
Newtown	92		
Cedar Chapel	100		4
Frankfort	230		
North Middletown	67		
Hardinsville	287	3	
Georgetown	130		1
New Columbus	800		7
Stanton	205		3
	3200	3	17

Maysville District.

Maysville	241		1
Washington	78		1
Germantown	269		2
Brooksville	232		
Millersburg	171		1
Flemingsburg	203		2
Sharpsburg	270		
Orangeburg	284	2	1
Carlisle	284		4
Irvinsville	200		2
Mount Olivet	340	2	
Shannon	220		
Tilton	319	3	2
Poplar Plains	341		2
Morehead	70		1
Owingsville	152	1	1
Vanceburg	225		
	3899	8	20

Harrodsburg District.

Harrodsburg	223		1
Mackville	366	2	5
Somerset	184		
Nicholasville	147		
Danville	175	48	1
Stanford	112		1
Salvisa	322		1
Lawrenceburg	180		2
Bryantsville	134		
Richmond	105		
College Hill	245	1	1
Jessamine	231	1	2
Mount Zion and Siloam	90		
Chaplin	225		4
Parksville	117		1
	2856	52	16

London District.

London	232		
Crab Orchard	250		2
Barboursville	95		1
Fishing Creek	186		2
Liberty	60		3
Williamsburg	45		
Mount Pleasant	243	10	1
Beattyville	12		
Meadow Creek	65		1
Estill	200		1
Whitesburg	121		2
Campton	253		6
West Liberty	230		5
Jackson	96		1
	2088	10	25

Covington District.

Covington:			
Covington Station	346	2	1
Second Charge	52		
Newport	177		
Mount Pleasant	68		
Oddville	591		3
Independence	272		1
Williamstown	319		2
Alexandria	358	1	4
Foster	234		3
Falmouth	229		2
Cynthiana	176		
Florence	129	2	1
Petersburg	132	8	
Warsaw	234		
Carrollton	171		
Worthville	143		
	3631	13	17

Shelbyville District.

Shelbyville	1501		
Taylorsville	277		1
Shelby	253		1
Bloomfield	163		
Simpsonville	211		
Milton	236	2	3
Newcastle	259		2
Owen	210		1
Bedford	407	3	
Floydsburg	143		
Shiloh	42		1

Recapitulation.

Lexington District	3200	3	17
Harrodsburg	2856	52	16
Covington	3631	13	17
Shelbyville	3632	31	16
Maysville	3899	8	20
London	2088	10	25
Total this year	19,306	117	111
Total last year	20,342	81	131
Increase		36	
Decrease	1036		20

[There were 1411 members, 24 local preachers, 10 Sunday-schools, 34 teachers, 461 scholars, lost by transfer of territory to the Western Virginia Conference.]

Ques. 22. How many infants have been baptized during the year?

374.

Ques. 23. How many adults have been baptized during the year?

1471.

Ques. 24. What is the number of Sunday-schools?

175.

Ques. 25. What is the number of Sunday-school teachers?

1275.

Ques. 26. What is the number of Sunday-school scholars?

8375.

Ques. 27. What amount is necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers?

\$3,000.

Ques. 28. What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied?

Collected,	\$1,474 70
Applied as follows:	
J. C. Hardy,	90 00
Mrs. Bickers,	150 00
Mrs. Johns,	175 00
Mrs. Kelley,	160 00
Mrs. Gould,	90 00
T. P. C. Shelman,	150 00
J. Strother,	251 45
Mrs. Latta,	75 00
Danley's daughter,	50 00
W. B. Landrum,	150 00
Mrs. V. C. Cummins,	125 00
Mrs. W. M. Vize,	2 75
Counterfeit,	5 00
Stamps,	50
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	\$1,474 70

Ques. 29. What has been contributed for missions?

\$3,403 52. Besides this, near \$500 for a chapel in China.

Ques. 30. Where shall the next session of the Conference be held?

At Nicholasville, Ky.

Ques. 31. Where are the preachers stationed this year?

LEXINGTON DISTRICT.

J. W. Fitch, P. E.

Lexington, R. H. Read.
 Paris, W. T. Poynter.
 Frankfort, R. Hiner.
 Belle Point, H. A. M. Henderson.
 Versailles and Mortonville, W. F. Taylor.
 Winchester and Ebenezer, J. R. Deering.
 { Mount Zion and Kiddville, W. W. Spates.
 { Dunaway, to be supplied (by J. P. Sams).
 Mount Sterling, H. P. Walker.
 North Middletown, G. T. Gould.
 Bourbon, Morton Scott.
 Leesburg, W. W. Chamberlin.
 New Columbus, Orson Long.
 Lawrenceburg, J. N. Current, W. H. H. Ditzler, Sup.
 Georgetown and Oxford, John Reeves.
 Mount Edwin, to be supplied (by J. M. Botts).

HARRODSBURG DISTRICT.

D. Welburn, P. E.

Harrodsburg, G. D. Turner.
 { Perryville, T. F. Taliaferro.
 { Parksville Mission, T. E. Burr.
 Mackville, H. A. Smith.

Nicholasville, E. L. Southgate, S. Noland, Sup.
 Danville, W. T. Rowland, H. M. Linney, Sup.
 Stanford, G. C. Overstreet.
 Bryantsville, W. C. Hayes.
 Richmond and Providence, J. C. Minor.
 College Hill, T. J. McIntyre.
 { Mount Zion and Siloam, to be supplied (by J. Hamilton).
 { Jessamine, J. W. Speer, F. W. Noland, Sup.
 Somerset, J. R. Peebles.
 Salvisa, R. H. Wightman.
 Anderson, to be supplied (by W. P. Vaught)
 Bohontown Mission, R. B. Owen.
 Chaplin, J. C. C. Newton.

SHELBYVILLE DISTRICT.

G. W. Merritt, P. E.

Shelbyville, Joseph Rand.
 Shelby Circuit, G. W. Smith.
 Bloomfield, J. W. Mitchell.
 Simpsonville, D. B. Cooper.
 Milton, R. Deering.
 Newcastle, B. F. Sedwick.
 Bedford, D. B. G. Demaree.
 Floydsburg, to be supplied.
 Taylorsville, J. A. Henderson.
 Shiloh Station, T. F. Vanmeter.
 Springport, W. H. Quisenberry.
 La Grange, T. B. Cook.
 Jacksonville, J. Holmes, T. E. Kavanaugh, Sup.
 Forest Academy, B. H. McCown, President.

COVINGTON DISTRICT.

S. X. Hall, P. E.

Covington:

Covington Station, C. W. Miller, E. P. Buckner, Sup.
 Second Charge, G. N. Buffington, W. A. G. Emmerson, Sup.
 Newport, H. R. Coleman.
 Alexandria, R. Lancaster.
 Falmouth, George Froh.
 Cynthiana, W. J. Snively.
 Oddville, B. F. Bristow.
 Canton, J. E. Wright.
 Williamstown, Alexander Redd.
 Florence, H. H. Kavanaugh.
 Petersburg, D. H. Marimon.
 Warsaw, J. H. Young.
 { Carrollton, J. W. Wightman.
 { Worthville, F. A. Savage.
 Gratz, C. M. Humphrey.
 American Bible Society, G. S. Savage, Agent.
 Agent Books and Tracts, W. B. Kavanaugh.

LONDON MISSION DISTRICT.

W. B. Godbey, P. E.

{ London, J. F. Davis.
 { Laurel, to be supplied (by R. Bales).
 Crab Orchard, to be supplied.
 { Preachersville, to be supplied (by J. S. Kelly).
 { Kingston, to be supplied (by M. N. Early).
 { West Liberty, L. D. Shaw.
 { Salyersville, to be supplied (by John Hale).
 { Estill, J. W. Simmons.
 { Stanton, to be supplied (by D. B. Dougherty).

{ Fishing Creek, to be supplied (by J. L. Godbey).
 { Pulaski, to be supplied (by W. J. Carson).
 Hustonville, to be supplied (by G. G. Ragan).
 Williamsburg, to be supplied (by R. M. Traversers).

Barboursville, J. H. Williams.

{ Mount Pleasant, to be supplied (by S. Pope).
 { Pineville, to be supplied (by J. Hollingsworth).
 { Whitesburg, to be supplied (by L. Hoback).
 { Hazard, to be supplied (by J. Robinson).
 { Breathitt, to be supplied (by R. W. Landrum).

{ Quicksand, to be supplied (by W. Green).
 Campton and Beattyville, to be supplied (by J. F. Wilson).

Jackson, to be supplied (by S. P. Chandler).

MAYSVILLE DISTRICT.

S. L. Robertson, P. E.

Maysville, Charles Taylor.

Germantown, W. H. Winter.

{ Brooksville and Augusta, D. W. Robertson,
 G. B. Podge, Sup.

{ Bracken Mission, P. H. Hoffman.

Washington and Hebron, M. W. Hiner.

Shannon and Sardis, D. D. Duty.

Mount Olivet, W. D. Power.

Millersburg, M. Evans.

Carlisle, G. C. Kelley.

Nicholas, to be supplied (by M. Mann).

Sharpsburg and Bethel, W. T. Benton.

Owingsville, C. F. Reid.

{ Hillsboro, to be supplied (by J. Moran).

{ Morehead Mission, T. W. McIntyre.

Flemingsburg, T. J. Godbey.

Tilton, S. S. Deering.

{ Orangeburg, W. F. Vaughn.

{ Vanceburg, J. A. Caywood.

Millersburg Female College, G. T. Gould,

President; H. W. Abbott, Professor; M. D.

Reynolds, Agent.

Kentucky Wesleyan College (not University),

T. J. Dodd, President; T. N. Ralston, Professor of Biblical Literature.

XVIII.—LOUISVILLE CONFERENCE.

HELD AT CLOVERPORT, KY., October 6–12, 1875.

BISHOP DOGGETT, *President*; DENNIS SPURRIER, *Secretary*.

QUESTION 1. Who are admitted on trial?

ANSWER. Jesse Board, Evan B. Evans, John P. Hogard, Edward H. Morrison, J. W. Guffy, Jesse L. Murrell, Henry H. Hullett. 7.

Ques. 2. Who remain on trial?

Eldred E. Pate, Jacob D. Sigler, Charles M. Caldwell, John W. Bowen, W. C. Slate, J. C. Gill, Leonard Ames, J. W. Bunton, Cassius H. Dowell. 9.

Ques. 3. Who are discontinued?

W. F. Ford. 1.

Ques. 4. Who are admitted into full connection?

Littleton Hullett, George Needham, J. C. Norman, W. C. Brandon, S. A. Feltner. 5.

Ques. 5. Who are readmitted?

None.

Ques. 6. Who are received by transfer from other Conferences?

V. P. Thomas, John W. Price, from Illinois Conference. 2. Pleasant A. Edwards received from the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in elder's orders.

Ques. 7. Who are the deacons of one year?

Joshua G. Freeman, George H. Means, T. G. Fallin. 3.

Ques. 8. What traveling preachers are elected deacons?

Littleton Hullett, W. C. Brandon, S. A. Feltner. 3.

Ques. 9. What traveling preachers are ordained deacons?

L. Hullett, W. C. Brandon, S. A. Feltner. 3.

Ques. 10. What local preachers are elected deacons?

M. D. Pumphrey, W. F. Cashman, George Stackhouse, Joseph A. Bennett, B. F. Cabell, W. P. Fowler. 6.

Ques. 11. What local preachers are ordained deacons?

M. D. Pumphrey, W. F. Cashman, George Stackhouse, John J. Storm, B. T. Taylor. 5.

Ques. 12. What traveling preachers are elected elders?

Milton A. Nantz, W. C. Hayes, Thomas I. Richardson. 3.

Ques. 13. What traveling preachers are ordained elders?

Milton A. Nantz, W. C. Hayes, Thomas I. Richardson. 3.

Ques. 14. What local preachers are elected elders?

Hardin H. Murrell. 1.

Ques. 15. What local preachers are ordained elders?

None.

Ques. 16. Who are located this year?

J. T. Crandell, F. B. Rodgers. 2.

Ques. 17. Who are supernumerary?

J. J. Ruddell, H. N. Hobbs, W. W. Mann, W. T. Reid. 4.

Ques. 18. Who are superannuated?

G. W. Crumbaugh, A. C. DeWitt, W. F. Harwell, John S. McGee, R. B. McCown, T. D. Lewis, T. M. Penick. 7

Ques. 19. What preachers have died during the past year?

Robert Tucker, Joel Peak, J. R. Strange. 3.

ROBERT TUCKER, son of Colston and Jane Tucker, was born in Dinwiddie co., Va., Dec. 23, 1806, and died in Cumberland co., Ky., Feb. 2, 1875, in the sixty-seventh year of his age. He was educated at Goodwin's Academy in the vicinity of Petersburg. He was considered a good scholar for his day, and was a successful teacher. In early life he was converted under the preaching of the late Bishop Early, who was then Presiding Elder of the District, and was talking to young Tucker when he received the evidence of his pardon. His conversion was so clear and so joyous that he seldom lost an opportunity to tell the pleasing story. He was long a class-leader, and a faithful and successful local preacher. The date of his first license is not known. He was ordained deacon by Bishop Waugh, at Clarksville, Tenn., in 1840. In 1850 he removed from Kentucky to Arkansas, and though greatly afflicted by the death of his wife and children, and many of his servants, by visitation of cholera, he yet labored extensively as a local preacher, and contributed largely to the growth and development of the Church in that region. After the war he spent a year in Brazil, seeking a location for a colony of Christian people, and failing in this, he returned to the States, and went to Illinois. Here in 1868 he was ordained elder and admitted on trial into the Illinois Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. After three years of faithful labor here he located, and returned to Kentucky. In 1872 he was readmitted to the traveling connection and received into the Louisville Conference, and appointed to the Dixon Circuit. In this field the Lord of the harvest owned his work, and gave him seals to his ministry. The Church was greatly revived and strengthened. In 1873-4 he was on the Cave Spring Circuit. Here he was greatly beloved by the people, and his labors were profitable to the Church. In 1874 he was appointed to the Burksville Circuit. This was his last appointment. He died of pneumonia Feb. 2, 1875, in great peace, and was "joyful through hope." When informed by Brother Frogge that he must die he was silent a moment, and then meekly answered, "All right." His wife asked if he felt any fear of death. He answered, "Not

the shadow of a fear—all has been calm and peace throughout my sickness." Brother Tucker was twice married, first to Martha Browder, of Dinwiddie co., Va., then to Mrs. Mary Moore, daughter of the late William Duncan, of Logan co., Ky. He was a faithful husband, a kind father, a good neighbor, and a true Christian. As a preacher, he was earnest, clear, and pathetic—often powerful. The prime and vigor of his manhood were spent in the local ministry, and many were the trophies he won for Christ. "Servant of God, well done!"

JOEL PEAK, son of Hezekiah and Elizabeth Peak, was born in Mason co., Ky., Nov. 7, 1800. His parents moved to Scott co., Ky., in his early childhood, and there he was brought up. He was married by Ben Van Gordon, Esq., Dec. 30, 1820, to Miss Cassandra Peak, who survives him. They were the parents of six children, three of whom—one son and two daughters—are living. He was taken sick with his last illness, Aug. 17, 1874, and, after more than four months of intense suffering, died in great peace, at Auburn, Logan co., Ky., Dec. 19, 1874. He was converted, and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church at Georgetown, Ky., under the ministry of the Rev. George Atkins, when about fourteen years old. He was licensed to preach by the Quarterly Conference of Lexington Circuit—William Gunn, Presiding Elder—March 16, 1832. His license was renewed annually until 1837, in the autumn of which year, at Frankfort, he was admitted on trial into the Kentucky Conference, and was ordained a deacon by Bishop Roberts. Two years later, at Russellville, Ky., he was received into full connection in the Conference, and was ordained an elder by Bishop Soule. He remained a member of the Kentucky Conference till October, 1846, when it was divided, and he became a member of the Louisville Conference, in which he retained his membership till his death. He was in the ministry nearly forty-two years, about thirty-eight of which he was a traveling preacher. He was in the effective ranks twenty-two years, was supernumerary one year and superannuated fifteen years. Of his effective ministry he spent twenty years on circuits and two years on missions, having never been assigned to any other work than such as is found in the regular pastorate. Brother Peak was a man of good natural sense, well informed, not only in the line of his calling, but on general topics; sensitive almost to a fault, positive in character, brave and spirited. As a preacher, he was sound, earnest, practical, and at times powerful. He was a fine singer, and once quite a successful revivalist. He labored faithfully as a "field hand" throughout his active ministry, and we have reason to believe that through his agency souls were brought to Christ, Christians edified and built up, and the Church strengthened. When he "comes again" it will double-s "be with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him."

JOHN R. STRANGE, son of Thomas B. and Martha E. Strange, was born in Washington co., Ky., Jan. 14, 1838, and died at Garnettsville, Ky., Jan. 28, 1875. He embraced religion and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in 1853. He was licensed to exhort in 1857, and was licensed to preach in 1858, and in the autumn of the same year was received into the traveling connection in the Louisville Conference, at Hopkinsville, Ky. In 1858-9 he traveled the Providence Mission; in 1859-60 the Salem Circuit, and at the close of the year was ordained to the office of deacon by Bishop Early, at Bowling Green, Ky. In 1860-1 he traveled the New Haven Circuit. During this year he was happily married to Miss Sallie Vanderve, of Marion co., Ky. In 1861-2 he traveled the Greensburg Circuit; in 1862-3 the Greenville Circuit. At the close of this year, his health having failed, he was placed in a supernumerary relation, in which he was continued till 1865, when he was granted a location at his own request. Having a natural predilection for the legal profession, and thinking that in this way he could more likely make a living for his family than any other, he entered upon the study of this profession. So successfully did he prosecute his studies that, after attending one course of lectures in the University of Louisville, he was admitted to the bar in 1862, and entered at once upon the practice of his profession at Greenville, Ky. Although he was devoted to his profession, and soon gained a good reputation as a young lawyer, and had a flattering prospect of distinction, and of realizing at least a competency for the support of his family, yet, as his health improved, he realized more and more the obligation of his sacred vocation, until he was constrained to abandon his profession and return to the pastoral work. He was readmitted into the Louisville Conference in 1871, and appointed to the Munfordville Circuit, which he traveled two years with the highest degree of acceptability and success. In 1873 he was appointed to the McKendree Charge in the city of Louisville, but his health again failed, and he was constrained to give up his charge and return to the country, hoping that being free from the labors and cares of the pastoral work, he would be able to resume his "loved employ" in the autumn. This fond anticipation was destined, however, never to be realized. His day of active service was soon to close, and he was to "enter upon his Master's joy." The outward man failed apace, but the inward man was renewed day by day. He was now to be made perfect through suffering. His light affliction, but for a moment, was to work for him "a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory." The following account of his last moments is taken from an obituary written by the Rev. G. H. Hayes, and published in the *Christian Advocate*: "It was not my privilege to be with him in his last hours, . . . but his physician, Dr. H. R. Pusey, has furnished some of his

last utterances, which I give in the words of the Doctor: 'When he was told that his end was rapidly approaching, he lay for several minutes, apparently in deep thought, and then exclaimed, "O blessed hope of a better land, I will soon be there! This frail, emaciated body cannot long contain a spirit so happy as mine. Come, Lord Jesus, come quickly." Again he said, "I would not exchange the joys of this hour for a life-time of all the world can afford. Is this dying? Is this dying grace? Let us rejoice and be glad. Let us laugh. Don't weep; your grief cannot excite any grief in my mind. The ecstasy of this hour cannot be realized by you, or you would not weep." At another time he said, "I would not be so selfish as to deny any of you the ecstasy of this hour, but O I could not, I would not, exchange it with any one! The time of prayer is past; triumph, rejoicing, and praise must occupy my remaining moments. O the brightness of the passage! not a cloud between me and Jesus. O the power of faith in Jesus! Roll on, sweet moments, roll on; the good world is not far off; I am not impatient, the Lord's will be done is now my feeling." A few moments before he expired he was asked, "Are you still conscious?" He answered in the affirmative by a visible motion of the head. "Can you speak to us once more?" asked his wife. He did not speak, but gazed a moment, . . . then turning his eyes upon his wife and son, he raised his hand toward heaven, and gave a sublimer evidence of his faith than could have been given by words. "Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright, for the end of that man is peace." The following is taken from a notice of Brother Strange by Bishop Marvin: "Our brother was a man of more than ordinary intellectual power. His mind was active and incisive. His conception of doctrinal truth was comprehensive and accurate. He had a disciplined mind and a large fund of knowledge. He had been a painstaking student of the word of God, and had given a good deal of attention to systematic theology. He was regarded by his brethren as a trustworthy defender of the faith. . . . He wielded the word of inspiration with the skill and force of a master. He was an intense man. His convictions were strong. It was not in him to be half-hearted, or to be content with half measures. He did with his might what his hands found to do, and with a distinct and felt reference to the account he had to give in the last day. . . . In the submission of suffering the grace of God was more conspicuous, if possible, than in the active labors of health. His wife writes me: 'My husband was a patient sufferer, all the time cheerful, gentle, and submissive, and even hopeful, until three weeks before his death. Sometimes I was compelled to be absent from his room, . . . and he would often say to me when I would return, "Dear, I have been so happy; I felt as if I had held sweet communion with my blessed Saviour."' After he knew he should soon pass away, he

wrote his will himself, and gave full and satisfactory advice about his temporal affairs. This done, he called his wife to his bedside, and said, 'My dear, you are going to be a widow; I am going to leave you. I am sorry I cannot leave you in better circumstances, but I hope you will not have a hard time.' Thus his care for his loved ones was strong even in death. A few days before his death he called his son Wilbur to him, and presented to him his Bible, telling him to accept it as a dying love-gift of his father, and to profit by its teachings. At another time he called him, and laying both hands on his head, prayed a secret prayer for him, and then said, 'Son, be a good boy, and meet your father in heaven. I am going to die, and you must take care of your mother; be good and kind to her. . . . ' Thus has John R. Strange passed away to his great reward. "He rests from his labors and his works do follow him." "Let us die the death of the righteous, and let our last end be like his."

Ques. 20. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?

Their names were called over, one by one, and their characters examined and passed, except Alexander McCown, whose case was referred to the Presiding Elder of the Henderson District for investigation.

Ques. 21. What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations, and missions of the Conference?

Louisville District.

	White Men's.	Col'd Men's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Louisville:			
Walnut Street.....	433		1
Broadway Street.....	415		3
Chestnut Street.....	372		2
Shelby Street.....	314		4
Bascom Station.....			
Jefferson Street.....	364		1
Middletown Circuit.....	142		
Louisville Circuit.....	205		2
City Mission.....	191		3
Jeffersonstown Circuit.....	460		2
Jeffersonville Station.....	180		1
	3166		19

Elizabethtown District.

	White Men's.	Col'd Men's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Elizabethtown Station.....	225		1
Big Spring Circuit.....	373	3	1
Brandenburg Circuit.....	387		1
Hardinsburg Circuit.....	334		3
Litchfield Circuit.....	240		2
Caneville Mission.....	59		
West Point Mission.....	200		3
Shepherdsville Circuit.....	205		
Hudsonville Circuit.....	350		6
Bacon Creek Circuit.....	500	1	6
Nolin Mission.....			
Stephensburg Circuit.....	460		3
Boston Mission.....	57		
	3390	4	26

Owensboro District.

	White Men's.	Col'd Men's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Owensboro Station.....	252		
Yelvington Circuit.....	321		4
Calhoun Circuit.....	311		3

Owensboro District (continued).

	White Men's.	Col'd Men's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Livermore Circuit.....	251		1
Hartford Circuit.....	505		3
Whitesville Circuit.....	155	1	2
Hawesville Circuit.....	194		1
Lewisport Circuit.....	322		3
Cromwell Circuit.....	347		1
Cloverport Station.....	187		1
Owensboro Circuit.....	167		
	3012	1	19

Henderson District.

	White Men's.	Col'd Men's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Henderson Station.....	100		1
Corydon Circuit.....	487		2
Morganfield Circuit.....	325		2
Cascyville Circuit.....	270		5
Madisonville Circuit.....	308		4
Slaughtersville Circuit.....	390		5
Greenville Circuit.....	474		1
Sacramento Circuit.....	225		3
West Greenville Circuit.....	270		3
Dixon Circuit.....	243		3
Spottsville Circuit.....	241		
Sebree Circuit.....	200		2
	3533		31

Princeton District.

	White Men's.	Col'd Men's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Princeton and Eddyville.....	165		1
Eddyville Circuit.....	329		
Smithland Circuit.....	195		3
Livingston Mission.....	206		4
Salem Circuit.....	174		1
Marion Circuit.....	518	1	4
Fredonia Circuit.....	154		
Parkersville Circuit.....	245		
Cadiz Circuit.....	394		3
La Fayette Circuit.....	132		1
Empire Circuit.....	180	1	1
Crofton Circuit.....	141		2
Linton Circuit.....	152		
	2985	2	20

Russellville District.

	White Men's.	Col'd Men's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Russellville Station.....	208		1
Adairville Circuit.....	338		1
Allensville Station.....	66		
Olmstead Circuit.....	210		1
Henryville Circuit.....	409	1	2
Auburn Circuit.....	277		3
Elkton Circuit.....	262		3
Trenton Circuit.....	53		1
Todd Mission.....	373		1
Fairview Circuit.....	397		3
Hopkinsville Station.....	140		1
Nortonville Mission.....	75		1
	2808	1	18

Bowling Green District.

	White Men's.	Col'd Men's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Bowling Green Station.....	235		1
Franklin Station.....	155		1
Glasgow Station.....	89		1
New Roe Circuit.....	502		6
Scottville Circuit.....	925		7
Smith's Grove Circuit.....	301		4
Bowling Green Circuit.....	278		1
Franklin Circuit.....	350		2
North Bowling Green Circuit.....	305	1	2
Brownsville Mission.....	325		4
Morgantown Mission.....	163		1
Barren River Mission.....			
	3628	1	30

Columbia District.

	White Men's.	Col'd Men's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Columbia Circuit.....	607		7
Burksville Circuit.....	277		2
Edmonton Mission.....	237		1

Columbia District (continued).

	White Mem's.	Col'd Men's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Glasgow Circuit.....	363	1	4
Tompkinsville Circuit.....	409		5
Wayne Circuit.....	362		3
Albany Circuit.....	344	1	3
{ Jamestown Circuit.....	338	13	3
{ Liberty Mission.....			
Cumberland Circuit.....	687		8
South Fork Mission.....	201		
Albany Landing Circuit.....	109		2
Caverna Circuit.....	211		1
	4205	15	39

Lebanon District.

Bardstown Station.....	112		1
Lebanon Station.....	99		
Springfield Circuit.....	68		1
Bradfordville Circuit.....	212		
New Haven Circuit.....	326	6	
Campbellsville Circuit.....	447		2
Mount Lebanon Circuit.....	215		1
Greensburg Circuit.....	338		1
Munfordville Circuit.....	349		3
Hodgensville Circuit.....	340		2
Buffalo Circuit.....	282		1
Chalk Ridge Mission.....			
	2788	6	12

Recapitulation.

Louisville District.....	3166		19
Elizabethtown ".....	3390	4	26
Owensboro ".....	3012	1	19
Henderson ".....	3533		31
Princeton ".....	2985	2	20
Russellville ".....	2808	1	18
Bowling Green ".....	3628	1	30
Columbia ".....	4205	15	39
Lebanon ".....	2788	6	12
Total this year.....	29,517	30	214
Total last year.....	29,610	37	192
Increase.....			22
Decrease.....	95	7	

Ques. 22. How many infants have been baptized during the year?
832.

Ques. 23. How many adults have been baptized during the year?
1413.

Ques. 24. What is the number of Sunday-schools?
206.

Ques. 25. What is the number of Sunday-school teachers?
1899.

Ques. 26. What is the number of Sunday-school scholars?
10,663.

Ques. 27. What amount is necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers?
\$3,700.

Ques. 28. What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied?

Collected, \$1,909 35.

Applied as follows:

Mrs. A. L. Alderson,	\$75 00
Mrs. William Knowles,	100 00

Brought forward,	\$175 00
Mrs. J. B. Perry,	50 00
Mrs. R. W. Stone,	100 00
Mrs. A. Davis,	60 00
Mrs. B. F. Wilson,	120 00
Mrs. J. H. Owen,	180 00
Mrs. James King,	50 00
Mrs. T. J. Moore,	175 00
Mrs. N. B. Lewis,	100 00
Mrs. A. Aiken,	50 00
Mrs. W. H. Morrison,	100 00
Mrs. J. Peak,	75 00
Mrs. T. C. Berry,	160 00
Mrs. Dr. Hicks,	160 00
Mrs. J. R. Strange,	120 00
Children of A. Moore,	60 00
Child of G. Gooch,	50 00
T. D. Lewis,	50 00
J. S. McGee,	55 00
W. F. Harwell,	20 70

\$1,910 70

Ques. 29. What has been contributed for missions?

Domestic Missions,	\$2,846 65
Foreign Missions,	1,786 35

\$4,633 00

Ques. 30. Where shall the next session of the Conference be held?

At Louisville, Ky.

Ques. 31. Where are the preachers stationed this year?

LOUISVILLE DISTRICT.

N. H. Lee, P. E.

Louisville:

Walnut Street Station, J. C. Morris.
Broadway Street Station, B. M. Messick.
Chestnut Street Station, John H. Linn.
Shelby Street Station, Henry C. Morrison.
Jefferson Street Station, J. A. Lawson.
City Mission, J. F. Redford.
Portland, Shippingport, and Portland Avenue,
M. N. Lasley.
Jeffersonville Station, J. M. Phillips.
Jeffersontown Circuit, C. Y. Boggess.
Louisville Circuit, J. D. Barnett.
Middletown Circuit, G. B. Overton.
Board of Education, W. H. Anderson, Agent.

ELIZABETHTOWN DISTRICT.

L. B. Davison, P. E.

Elizabethtown Station, G. W. Lyon.
Big Spring Circuit, John W. Shelton.
Brandenburg Circuit, Bryant A. Cundiff.
Hardinsburg Circuit, Daniel S. Campbell.
Litchfield Circuit, George Needham.
Caneyville Mission, Jesse Board.
West Point Circuit, J. C. Brandon.
Shepherdsville Circuit, Eldred E. Pate.
Hudsonville Circuit, Leonard Ames.
Bacon Creek Mission, F. G. Brodie, Henry N.
Hobbs, Sup.
Stephensburg Circuit, Gabriel S. King.
Belmont Circuit, Alexander G. Fraser.

Nolin Mission, to be supplied (by G. Clanson).
Widows' and Orphans' Home, Cornelius D. Donaldson, Agent.

OWENSBORO DISTRICT.

E. M. Crow, P. E.

Owensboro Station, J. B. Cottrell.
Owensboro Circuit, T. G. Fallin.
Yelvington Circuit, Wilson Williams.
Calhoun Circuit, J. L. McDaniel.
Livermore Circuit, Robert D. Bennett.
Hartford Circuit, W. W. Cook.
Whitesville Circuit, Edward H. Morrison.
Hawesville Station, Samuel H. Lovelace.
Lewisport Circuit, James W. Taylor.
Cromwell Circuit, Silas Newton.
Cloverport Station, J. S. Seabee.
Fordsville Mission, to be supplied (by W. F. Ford).

HENDERSON DISTRICT.

G. H. Hayes, P. E.

Henderson Station, Henry M. Ford.
Corydon Circuit, James C. Petree.
Morganfield Circuit, James A. Lewis.
Caseyville Circuit, Charles M. Caldwell.
Madisonville Circuit, Robert C. Alexander.
Slaughtersville Circuit, T. G. Harrison.
Sacramento Circuit, W. R. Godbey.
Greenville Circuit, Robert Y. Thomas, W. W. Mann, Sup.
Dixon Circuit, Jacob D. Sigler.
Spottsville Circuit, Elijah Thurman.
Sebree City Circuit, Josiah Godbey.
West Greenville, James W. Guffy.

PRINCETON DISTRICT.

T. G. Bosley, P. E.

Princeton and Eddyville, J. L. Edrington.
Eddyville Circuit, Montgomery M. Hunter, W. T. Reid, Sup.
Smithland Station, Val. P. Thomas.
Smithland Circuit, John P. Hogard.
Salem Circuit, Richard C. Love.
Marion Circuit, W. T. Moore.
Princeton Circuit, Thomas I. Richardson.
Parkersville Circuit, J. W. Love.
Cadiz Circuit, Thomas J. Randolph.
La Fayette Circuit, John W. Price.
Empire Circuit, Evan B. Evans.
Crofton Circuit, to be supplied.
Linton Circuit, to be supplied (by J. R. Randolph).

RUSSELLVILLE DISTRICT.

David Morton, P. E.

Russellville Station, Henry C. Settle.
Adairville Circuit, Isaac W. Emmerson.
Allensville Station, Samuel R. Brewer.
Olmstead Circuit, Benjamin F. Biggs.

Henryville Circuit, Robert Fisk.
Auburn Circuit, James R. Dempsey.
Elkton Circuit, Edwin W. Bottomley.
Trenton Circuit, William Alexander.
Fairview Circuit, Dennis Spurrier.
Todd Circuit, James C. Gill.
Hopkinsville Station, John W. Lewis.
Nortonville Mission, to be supplied.
Logan Female College, G. R. Browder, Agent.

BOWLING GREEN DISTRICT.

E. W. Schon, P. E.

Bowling Green Station, John G. Wilson.
Franklin Station, Thomas Bottomley.
Glasgow Circuit, W. W. Lambuth, J. J. Rudell, Sup.
New Roe Circuit, W. L. Corban.
Scottville Circuit, Samuel L. Lee.
Allen's Springs Circuit, Milton A. Nantz.
Bowling Green Circuit, Philip T. Hardison.
Morgantown Circuit, Francis M. Rose.
Franklin Circuit, Timothy C. Peters.
Brownsville Mission, James W. Bunton.
Warren College, John G. Wilson, President.

COLUMBIA DISTRICT.

T. C. Frogge, P. E.

Columbia Circuit, D. S. Bowles, J. W. Bowen.
Burksville Circuit, W. C. Slate.
Edmonton Circuit, Jesse L. Murrell.
Temple Hill Circuit, Samuel A. Feltner.
Tompkinsville Circuit, Joshua G. Freeman.
Wayne Circuit, Wesley C. Brandon.
Monticello Circuit, John L. Brown.
Albany Circuit, to be supplied (by S. P. Hulse).
Albany Landing Circuit, to be supplied (by Charles Smith).
Liberty Circuit, Henry H. Hullett.
Jamestown Mission, Pleasant A. Edwards.
Cumberland Circuit, Littleton Hullett.
Caverna Circuit, George H. Means.

LEBANON DISTRICT.

J. P. Goodson, P. E.

Bardstown Station, Lewis E. Campbell.
Lebanon Station, George W. Brush.
Springfield Circuit, Edwin R. Harrison.
Bradfordsville Circuit, J. C. Norman.
New Haven Circuit, George F. Cundiff.
Campbellsville Circuit, John S. Keen.
Mount Lebanon Circuit, Cassius H. Dowell.
Greensburg Circuit, Schnuyler L. Murrell.
Munfordville Circuit, W. T. Davenport.
Hodgensville Circuit, Samuel C. Allen.
Buffalo Circuit, Benjamin D. Griffin.

W. C. Hayes transferred to Kentucky Conference, and stationed on Bryantsville Circuit.
D. A. Beardsley, D. D. Moore, transferred to North Mississippi Conference.

XIX.—ST. LOUIS CONFERENCE.

HELD AT SALEM, Mo., September 22-27, 1875.

BISHOP KEENER, *President*; W. M. SHELTON, *Secretary*.

QUESTION 1. Who are admitted on trial?

ANSWER. Isom L. Spencer, James A. Carter, Calvin F. Linza. 3.

Ques. 2. Who remain on trial?

John W. Robinson, James Rufus Ledbetter, Columbus E. W. Smith, Sebastian C. Biffle, Samuel A. Dyson, James A. Herman, T. V. L. Harvey. 7.

Ques. 3. Who are discontinued?

La Fayette Hall, T. V. L. Harvey, at their own request. 2.

Ques. 4. Who are admitted into full connection?

Alex. M. Robinson, Richard F. Chew, John H. Johnson, John Taylor Allen. 4.

Ques. 5. Who are readmitted?

Chas. F. Quellmaltz, Geo. M. Effinger. 2.

Ques. 6. Who are received by transfer from other Conferences?

James A. Herman, from the Tennessee Conference. 1.

Ques. 7. Who are the deacons of one year?

Joseph A. Russell. 1.

Ques. 8. What traveling preachers are elected deacons?

Alex. M. Robinson, Richard F. Chew, John H. Johnson, John Taylor Allen. 4.

Ques. 9. What traveling preachers are ordained deacons?

Alex. M. Robinson, Richard F. Chew, John H. Johnson, John Taylor Allen. 4.

Ques. 10. What local preachers are elected deacons?

Andrew J. Hartle. 1.

Ques. 11. What local preachers are ordained deacons?

None.

Ques. 12. What traveling preachers are elected elders?

Benj. K. Thrower, Henry Hanesworth. 2.

Ques. 13. What traveling preachers are ordained elders?

Benj. K. Thrower. 1.

Ques. 14. What local preachers are elected elders?

Sidney Richmond. 1.

Ques. 15. What local preachers are ordained elders?

Robert M. Simmons, John W. Craven, Sidney Richmond. 3.

Ques. 16. Who are located this year?

George H. Adams. 1.

Ques. 17. Who are supernumerary?

Richard F. Chew. 1.

Ques. 18. Who are superannuated?

Christian Eaker, John Thomas, J. N. W. Springer, W. R. Babcock, H. N. Watts. 5.

Ques. 19. What preachers have died during the past year?

Kenian S. Stewart, John H. St. Clair. 2.

KENIAN SPENCER STEWART died at his father's, near Rutherford Station, Gibson co., Tenn., Aug. 3, 1875. He was the son of Patrick H. and Maria Stewart; was born in Craven co., N. C., June 9, 1848. After a short residence at several other places, his father settled in Gibson co., Tenn., where his son closed his earthly career, and has gone to his reward above. Though from his youth Kenian was noted for his morality, he was early impressed with the necessity of a change of heart, which he sought and obtained at a revival-meeting at Salem Church, Salem Circuit, near his father's, in 1866, and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Being impressed with the duty of preaching the gospel, he asked and obtained license at Antioch, Salem Circuit, from the Rev. J. G. Acton, in the autumn of 1873, and was recommended to the Memphis Conference for admission into the traveling connection. Bishop McTyeire, hoping for improvement in his health, transferred him to the St. Louis Conference, and stationed him on the Steelville Circuit. At the urgent solicitation of his people, he was returned to the same charge last autumn. He resumed his work with a zeal that overtaxed his feeble constitution. Having contracted additional cold, which settled on his lungs, they soon wasted away, and so ended his useful life. With the fond but vain hope of recovering his health, he was granted leave of absence, and advised to visit his father and friends, which he did, and for a time enjoyed their company in social and religious pleasures. But he was not heedless of his field of labor and the flock he had left, and was ever mindful of the kindness that had been bestowed upon him there; especially was this the case with one whom he familiarly called Grandma Johnson; and her young pastor died invoking blessings upon her. He greatly desired to recover his

health and return to his charge, and to the friendships recently formed but indelibly fixed. His life was a smooth current, swelling in volume as it placidly rolled on—his piety deep, vital, unfaltering, uncompromising. Mentally he was decidedly above mediocrity. He struggled indomitably through adversity to a very respectable education, wrestled with books by day and by night, studying, analyzing, digesting, and appropriating their contents, resulting in a mind well stored, and all sanctified and consecrated to the gospel of salvation. He was modest, unobtrusive, even diffident; but firm, zealous, intrepid, he pressed to the gate the fight, and fell gloriously, mounted the fiery chariot, and went home.

JOHN H. ST. CLAIR. Respecting the beginning and the ending of the life of this noble man this only do we know: that he was born in the State of Virginia, and at the age of thirty-seven he died at the house of his mother-in-law, Sister Virginia Berry, seven miles from St. Louis, on the 29th of October, 1874. According to his own statements, he was, previous to his conversion, an infidel. He was not an atheist; he believed in God, but not in Jesus Christ and the Bible. A frequent remark with him was that he never saw the day that he did not pray to his God. But in this condition his mind was not at rest—he read, he investigated, he studied, until, in the providence of God, he was led, through a semi-Judaism, into the clear light and liberty of the gospel of Christ. His conversion was, according to his description, peculiar. He was convicted under the ministry of Brother W. C. Godbey, of Lexington, Mo. While at the altar, engaged in deep thought and prayer, he became oblivious of all around him, and there was before his mind, as if it had been a literal fact, a bottomless abyss; something, with the authority of an audible voice, calling to him, "Jump, and I will catch you." Whilst he hesitated to make what seemed to be a fatal leap, he felt conscious that it would be death not to make it, and the voice still calling, "Jump! I will catch you." Finally he decided to make the venture, and cast himself over the precipice, relying upon nothing but a voice that seemed to be friendly, calling up out of the dark invisible, "Jump! and I will catch you." Like Abraham, he offered the sacrifice; like Daniel, he went in among the lions; like the Hebrews, he ventured into the furnace; and like every one who is saved, he *believed*, and threw himself upon the promises of his God, and was saved. It was a joy to hear our brother tell how he found himself upon his feet, and how bright and beautiful looked the chandeliers, and forms, and faces about him. His pure heart always filled, and his eyes flashed, as he told the story, with the power of that salvation which saved him from that horrible pit, and gave him victory.

Ques. 20. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?

Their names were called over, one by one, and their characters examined and passed.

Ques. 21. What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations, and missions of the Conference?

St. Louis District.

	White Mem's.	Col'd Mem's.	Loc'l Pr's.
St. Louis:			
First Church.....	442	.....	3
Centenary.....	340	.....	2
St. John's.....	440	.....	.....
St. Paul's.....	103	.....	1
Choteau Avenue.....	109	.....	1
Carondelet.....	147	.....	1
Bellefontaine.....	265	1	.....
Bridgeton.....	120	.....	.....
Eden Chapel.....	86	2	.....
Mount Olive.....	65	.....	1
Kirkwood and Fenton.....	98	.....	.....
Manchester.....	76	.....	.....
Meramec.....	150	.....	.....
	2441	3	9

Iron Mountain District.

Arcadia Station.....	112	.....	1
Caledonia.....	55	.....	.....
Iron Mountain Circuit.....	456	1	4
Potosi Circuit.....	50	.....	.....
Plattin Circuit.....	239	.....	.....
Farmington Circuit.....	351	.....	3
Fredericktown and Irondale.....	137	.....	.....
Fredericktown Circuit.....	320	.....	1
Cold Water Circuit.....	133	.....	1
Libertyville Circuit.....	144	.....	.....
	1997	1	10

Salem District.

Salem and St. James.....	107	2
Houston Circuit.....	129	.....	3
Licking Circuit.....	285	1	3
Rolla Circuit.....	192	.....	2
Cuba Circuit.....	169	.....	.....
Washington and Labadie.....	237	1	.....
St. Clair.....	88	.....	1
Steelville.....	132	.....	.....
	1339	2	11

Poplar Bluff District.

Poplar Bluff Circuit.....	225	3
Doniphan Circuit.....	199	.....	1
Alton Circuit.....	234	.....	7
West Plains and Thomasville.....	373	1	6
Pine Forest Circuit.....	150	.....	2
Patterson Circuit.....	209	1	5
Bloomfield Circuit.....	450	.....	11
Grand and West Prairie Circuit.....	376	.....	9
Sinking Creek Mission.....	69	.....	.....
	2285	2	44

Charleston District.

Charleston Station.....	221	.....	2
Charleston Circuit.....	250	1	4
Jackson Circuit.....	115	.....	2
Benton Circuit.....	208	.....	3
Marble Hill.....	570	.....	.....
Oak Ridge.....	455	.....	1
Belmont.....	120	.....	.....
New Madrid.....	200	.....	1
Gayoso.....	220	.....	.....
	2359	1	13

Recapitulation.

	White Mem's.	Col'd Mem's.	Loc'l Pr's.
St. Louis District.....	2441	3	9
Iron Mountain ".....	1997	1	10
Salem ".....	1339	2	11
Poplar Bluff ".....	2285	2	44
Charleston ".....	2359	1	13
Total this year.....	10,421	9	87
Total last year.....	9,502	11	106
Increase.....	919		
Decrease.....		2	19

Ques. 22. How many infants have been baptized during the year?

205.

Ques. 23. How many adults have been baptized during the year?

439.

Ques. 24. What is the number of Sunday-schools?

88.

Ques. 25. What is the number of Sunday-school teachers?

597.

Ques. 26. What is the number of Sunday-school scholars?

5610.

Ques. 27. What amount is necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers?

\$2,850.

Ques. 28. What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied?

Collected,	\$1,389 57
Applied as follows:	
W. R. Babcock,	100 00
J. N. W. Springer,	100 00
J. C. Williams,	100 00
C. Eaker,	100 00
Mrs. W. A. Smith,	100 00
Mrs. R. M. Whaley,	75 00
Mrs. M. R. Anthony,	200 00
Mrs. John Read,	200 00
Mrs. M. J. Mobley,	100 00
Mrs. Wm. Alexander,	150 00
Mrs. John H. St. Clair,	100 00
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	\$1,325 00

Ques. 29. What has been contributed for missions?

Foreign Missions,	\$1,378 80
Domestic Missions,	1,260 16
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	\$2,638 96

Ques. 30. Where shall the next session of the Conference be held?

At Washington, Mo.

Ques. 31. Where are the preachers stationed this year?

ST. LOUIS DISTRICT.

A. T. Scruggs, P. E.

St. Louis:

First Church, Thos. M. Finney.

St. Louis:

Centenary, W. V. Tudor.

St. John's, J. W. Lewis.

St. Paul's, to be supplied.

Choteau Avenue, F. A. Owen.

Carondelet, Wesley Browning.

Bellefontaine Circuit, W. M. Williams.

Bridgeton, F. A. Morris.

Eden, J. E. Treadwell.

Mount Olive Circuit, J. W. Robinson.

Kirkwood, W. M. Leftwich.

Manchester, J. S. Frazier.

Marvin Chapel and City Mission, to be supplied (by J. J. Watts).

Editor *Christian Advocate*, at St. Louis, D. R. McAnally.

SALEM DISTRICT.

J. E. Godbey, P. E.

Salem and St. James, W. M. Shelton.

Houston Circuit, A. M. Robinson.

Meramec Circuit, Irl R. Hicks, one to be supplied.

Licking, J. T. Allen.

Rolla Circuit, James A. Herman.

Cuba Circuit, J. R. Ledbetter.

St. Clair Circuit, S. A. Dyson.

Steelville Circuit, Jas. A. Carter.

Labadie and Washington, B. K. Thrower, one to be supplied.

POPLAR BLUFF DISTRICT.

John C. Williams, P. E.

Poplar Bluff Circuit, J. H. Johnson.

Doniphan Circuit, J. Garton.

Alton Circuit, Geo. M. Effinger.

West Plains, Calvin F. Linza.

Pine Forest, to be supplied (by John Shannon).

Eminence Mission, to be supplied (by D. Biffle).

Patterson Circuit, C. F. Quellmaltz.

Bloomfield Circuit, C. E. Devinney.

Grand Prairie, J. H. Cox.

West Prairie, to be supplied (by A. Batton).

Greenville Circuit, S. C. Biffle.

CHARLESTON DISTRICT.

L. W. Powell, P. E.

Charleston Station, L. F. Aspley.

Charleston Circuit, to be supplied.

Jackson Circuit, J. C. Berryman.

Benton Circuit, C. E. W. Smith.

Commerce Station, to be supplied (by Jas. Scofield).

Marble Hill Circuit, T. G. Atchison.

Oak Ridge Circuit, M. Arrington.

Belmont Circuit, to be supplied (by J. Martin).

New Madrid Circuit, Henry Hanesworth.

Gayoso Circuit, to be supplied.

IRON MOUNTAIN DISTRICT.

J. H. Headlee, P. E.

Arcadia and Iron Mountain, C. O. Jones.

Caledonia Circuit, D. J. Marquis.

Iron Mountain Circuit, Joseph A. Russell.

Plattin Circuit, J. R. Eddleman.

Farmington Circuit, R. H. Rogers.

Fredericktown Circuit, G. W. Hull, H. S. Watts, Sup.
Good Water Circuit, to be supplied (by Sidney Richmond).

Fredericktown Station, Israel L. Spencer.
Arcadia College, C. O. Jones.
J. P. McFerrin transferred to Tennessee Conference.

XX.—SOUTH-WEST MISSOURI CONFERENCE.

HELD AT NEOSHO, Mo., October 13–19, 1875.

BISHOP KEENER, *President*; W. M. PROTTSMAN, *Secretary*.

QUESTION 1. Who are admitted on trial?

ANSWER. Samuel M. Godbey, James M. Thurman, James B. Winton, John C. Coss, Jesse G. L. Mitchell. 5.

Ques. 2. Who remain on trial?

L. M. Phillips, J. P. Cobb, Ro. W. Reynolds, John A. Swift, T. J. Stringfield. 5.

Ques. 3. Who are discontinued?

J. A. Pogue, Isaac Stapleton. 2.

Ques. 4. Who are admitted into full connection?
None.

Ques. 5. Who are readmitted?

M. G. Williams, L. P. Siceloff, John W. Bond. 3.

Ques. 6. Who are received by transfer from other Conferences?

H. A. Bourland, from the Missouri Conference. 1.

Ques. 7. Who are the deacons of one year?

E. W. Woodward, R. A. Allen, L. W. Pearce, R. H. Schaeffer. 4.

Ques. 8. What traveling preachers are elected deacons?

None.

Ques. 9. What traveling preachers are ordained deacons?

None.

Ques. 10. What local preachers are elected deacons?

Samuel M. Godbey, James M. Thurman, Price A. Patten, John C. Coss. 4.

Ques. 11. What local preachers are ordained deacons?

Samuel M. Godbey, James M. Thurman, Price A. Patten, John C. Coss. 4.

Ques. 12. What traveling preachers are elected elders?

Jones L. Hagler. 1.

Ques. 13. What traveling preachers are ordained elders?

Jones L. Hagler. 1.

Ques. 14. What local preachers are elected elders?

None.

Ques. 15. What local preachers are ordained elders?

None.

Ques. 16. Who are located this year?

W. E. Woodward, T. P. Hill. 2.

Ques. 17. Who are supernumerary?

J. C. Shackelford, W. Wharton, H. W. Webster. 3.

Ques. 18. Who are superannuated?

W. Holmes, N. T. Shaler, G. C. Knowles, J. M. Proctor. 4.

Ques. 19. What preachers have died during the past year?

S. S. Colburn, J. N. Read. 2.

SAMUEL S. COLBURN was born in Greene co., Tenn., May 1, 1807, removed to La Fayette co., Mo., in 1831, and the next year was converted and joined the Methodist Church, and in 1833 was licensed to preach. In February, 1835, he was placed on Arrow Rock and Boonville Circuit, as junior preacher, by Jesse Green. His colleague was John L. Erwin. This circuit included the territory now embraced in Saline, Cooper, Pettis, Moniteau, Morgan, and Cole counties. In the autumn of 1835 he was admitted into the traveling connection in the Missouri Conference, and appointed to the Keytesville Circuit; in 1836 to St. Charles Circuit; 1837 to Barry Circuit; 1838 to Selma; 1839 to St. Genevieve Circuit; 1840 to Warsaw Circuit; 1841 to Springfield Circuit; 1842 to Savannah Circuit (his first wife died on this circuit, leaving two children); 1842 and 1843 he traveled Warrenton Circuit; 1844 the Boonville Circuit 1845; the Versailles Circuit; 1846 the Georgetown Circuit; 1847 the Jefferson City Circuit; 1848 the California Circuit; 1849 the Versailles Circuit; 1850 the Georgetown Circuit; 1851 and 1852 the Boonville Circuit; 1853 the Independence Circuit; 1854 the Harrisonville Circuit; 1855 the Columbus Circuit; 1856 the Westport Circuit; 1857 the Columbus Circuit. This year closed an uninterrupted series of twenty-five years. At the Conference of 1859 he was superannuated, but his work was not done, and

in 1864 and 1865 he labored on the Bellair Circuit; 1866 and 1867 on Versailles Circuit; in 1868 on Georgetown Circuit. This closes up his active labors. For the last six years or more he had been a great sufferer, and though very much crippled with rheumatism, he would go to Conference and beg for work. Not satisfied to be idle, he formed himself a little circuit containing four appointments, which he filled regularly during the winter. In the spring his health began to fail, but he preached on until the fifth Sunday in May, which was his last sermon. On the Tuesday after, he came home in a rain-storm very sick, and was never out again. He suffered very much for the next three months. He thought, at times, he would recover, and though his suffering was very great, he endured it all without a murmur. In a communication to an old associate in the ministry, written a few weeks before his death, he says: "My history is made, my work is done; O that it may be approved of by my Heavenly Father! The merit of Christ is my only hope. Preach Christ and him crucified." Brother Colburn was an earnest man and a good preacher. He was very industrious. He knew nothing of softness or needless self-indulgence. He has been often heard to say that to do nothing was the hardest work he ever undertook to perform. A short time before he died a friend asked him if he had any message to send to his brethren of the Conference. After a moment's reflection, he said, "Yes, tell them to preach Jesus more," remarking if he had his life to live over, he would leave off the side-issues and preach Jesus. He died Aug. 26, 1875, in great peace, without a struggle. Truly, a good man has passed away. The gospel which he preached so long and so faithfully to others sustained him in death.

JOHN N. READ was born in Cass co., Mo., Sept. 28, 1848. He was converted while quite young, and connected himself with the Baptist Church, of which denomination his parents were members. Becoming dissatisfied with some of the dogmas of that Church, he severed his membership with it, and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Having obtained license to preach, he was received into the traveling connection in the South-west Missouri Conference at its session in 1872, and was appointed to Kansas City Circuit; at the Conference of 1873 he was sent to Chamois Station; at the last Conference he was appointed junior preacher with R. Minshall on the Columbus Circuit. His health failing him, he returned home, where he resignedly, and with full faith in a blessed immortality, yielded up his young life to God who gave it. His sufferings were great, yet he bore them with much patience and Christian fortitude. His end was triumphant. About three hours before his spirit winged its upward flight, he awoke all at once, saying: "O blessed Saviour! He is right with me. O how bright heaven is! I see friends; how brightly their countenances

shine!" His mother came to his bedside weeping. He said to her: "Mother, dear, weep not for me; look beyond this to that glorious and blissful place where all is happiness." He paused for a moment, then, pleading with his Saviour to have mercy on hard-hearted sinners, he broke forth in praise. The last words he spoke on earth were: "Blessed Saviour! He is right here; his countenance shines so brightly all around me! How bright heaven looks! O blessed Saviour! raise me higher, higher, higher! All is well, all is well!" Turning his eyes heavenward, he seemed for three hours to be viewing the golden city, with all its splendors; then his happy spirit took its upward flight to dwell with his Saviour.

Ques. 20. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?

Their names were called over, one by one, and their characters examined and passed.

Ques. 21. What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations, and missions of the Conference?

Boonville District.

	White Mem's.	Col'd Mem's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Boonville Station.....	194	.....	1
Bellair Circuit.....	293	.....	1
Arrow Rock and Marshall Circuit....	200	.....	1
Marshall Circuit.....	233	1	1
Sedalia Station.....	50	.....	1
Sedalia Circuit.....	273	1	4
Versailles Station.....	92	2	2
Versailles Circuit.....	277	1	.....
California and Otterville Circuit.....	128	.....	1
Prairie Home Circuit.....	241	1	2
Jefferson Circuit.....	88	.....	.....
Jefferson City Circuit.....	239	1	1
Chamois Station.....	75	.....	.....
Chamois Circuit.....	110	2	.....
	2493	9	15

Lexington District.

Lexington Station.....	230	.....	1
Wellington Circuit.....	155	.....	1
Aullsville Circuit.....	69	1	.....
La Monte Circuit.....	248	.....	2
Knobnoster and Calhoun Circuit.....	132	.....	1
Clinton and Windsor Circuit.....	104	.....	4
Brownsville and Blackwater Circuit.	178	.....	2
Dover Circuit.....	253	.....	.....
Waverly Circuit.....	149	.....	1
Grand Pass Circuit.....	238	.....	1
Saline Circuit.....	185	.....	.....
Cambridge Circuit.....	265	.....	2
	2206	1	15

Kansas City District.

Kansas City Station.....	194	.....	1
Kansas City Circuit.....	160	.....	.....
Westport and Belton Circuit.....	77	.....	2
Independence Station.....	142	.....	1
Lee's Summit Circuit.....	111	.....	.....
Pleasant Hill Circuit.....	113	.....	1
Harrisonville Circuit.....	264	.....	3
Warrensburg Station.....	83	.....	.....
Columbus Circuit.....	227	.....	.....
Chapel Hill Circuit.....	240	.....	2
Pink Hill Circuit.....	292	5	1
	1908	5	11

Nevada District.

	White Mem's.	Col'd Mem's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Nevada and Walker Circuit.....	156	.....	.....
Nevada Circuit.....	258	2	4
Little Osage Circuit.....	207	.....	2
Butler Circuit.....	333	.....	7
Montrose Circuit.....	287	.....	3
Round Prairie Circuit.....	108	.....	.....
Clinton Circuit.....	440	.....	2
Index Circuit.....	225	.....	5
Wheatland Circuit.....	162	.....	3
Hermitage Circuit.....	145	.....	.....
Warsaw Circuit.....	110	.....	.....
	2425	2	26

Neosho District.

Neosho Circuit.....	230	2	2
Mount Vernon Circuit.....	222	.....	1
Greenfield Circuit.....	236	1	3
Montevallio Circuit.....	155	.....	.....
Carthage Circuit.....	207	.....	.....
Sarcozie Circuit.....	244	.....	3
Pineville Circuit.....	422	.....	2
Cassville Circuit.....	372	.....	2
	2088	3	13

Springfield District.

Springfield Station.....	170	.....	3
Springfield Circuit.....	477	.....	2
Bolivar and Morrisville.....	265	.....	1
Bolivar Circuit.....	334	1	4
Stockton Circuit.....	170	.....	1
Marshfield Circuit.....	600	.....	6
Lebanon and Stoutland Circuit.....	167	.....	5
Bloomgarden Circuit.....	255	.....	2
Hartville Circuit.....	215	.....	6
Buffalo Circuit.....	158	.....	2
	2811	1	32

Recapitulation.

Boonville District.....	2493	8	15
Lexington ".....	2206	1	15
Kansas City ".....	1908	5	11
Nevada ".....	2425	2	26
Neosho ".....	2088	3	13
Springfield ".....	2811	1	32
Total this year.....	13,931	20	112
Total last year.....	14,052	12	107
Increase.....		8	5
Decrease.....	121		

Ques. 22. How many infants have been baptized during the year?
325.

Ques. 23. How many adults have been baptized during the year?
603.

Ques. 24. What is the number of Sunday-schools?
86.

Ques. 25. What is the number of Sunday-school teachers?
525.

Ques. 26. What is the number of Sunday-school scholars?
4,063.

Ques. 27. What amount is necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers?
\$2,200.

Ques. 28. What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied?

Collected,	\$1,983 05
Applied as follows:	
Mrs. S. S. Colburn,	225 00
Mrs. Jane Green,	125 00
Mrs. Anthony,	190 00
Mrs. Perkins,	90 00
Mrs. James,	85 00
Mrs. Headlee,	160 00
Mrs. Smith,	200 00
Mrs. Cummings,	100 00
Mrs. Glenville,	100 00
Mrs. Talbot,	185 00
Miss Dora Riley,	70 00
Miss E. Morrow,	70 00
G. C. Knowles,	100 00
Mrs. N. G. Berryman,	25 00
	\$1,725 00

Ques. 29. What has been contributed for missions?
\$1,649 26.

Ques. 30. Where shall the next session of the Conference be held?
At Miami, Mo.

Ques. 31. Where are the preachers stationed this year?

BOONVILLE DISTRICT.

C. C. Woods, P. E.

Boonville Station, J. A. Murphy, W. Wharton, Sup.
Boonville Mission, to be supplied.
Arrow Rock Circuit, John R. Bennett.
Marshall Station, J. F. Hogan.
Longwood Circuit, Josiah Godbey.
Sedalia Station and Circuit, to be supplied (by E. K. Porter and J. R. Godbey).
Versailles Station, E. G. Frazier.
California and Otterville, Joab Spencer.
Prairie Home Circuit, R. A. Allen.
Jefferson City Station, S. S. Bryant.
Jefferson City Circuit, W. H. Stevens.
Chamois Station, L. M. Phillips.
Chamois Circuit, E. W. Woodward.
Sunday-school Agent, Jacob Ditzler.

LEXINGTON DISTRICT.

M. Adkisson, P. E.

Lexington Station, M. M. Pugh.
Aullsville Circuit, to be supplied.
La Monte Circuit, W. S. Woodward.
Clinton and Windsor, J. M. Kelly.
Brownsville and Blackwater, Preston Phillips.
Dover Circuit, B. Margeson, J. C. Shackelford, Sup.
Waverly Station, M. G. Williams.
Grand Pass Circuit, A. M. Rader.
Saline Circuit, W. B. McFarland.
Cambridge Circuit, W. F. Camp.
Central Female College, W. T. J. Sullivan, President.

KANSAS CITY DISTRICT.

Wm. C. Godbey, P. E.

Kansas City Station, H. A. Bourland.
 Kansas City Circuit, to be supplied.
 Westport and Belton, N. Scarritt.
 Independence Station, C. H. Briggs.
 Lee's Summit Circuit, John D. Wood.
 Pleasant Hill Circuit, R. Minshall.
 Harrisonville Circuit, M. Duren.
 Warrensburg Station, R. A. Holloway.
 Columbus Circuit, W. J. Brown, one to be supplied.
 Chapel Hill Circuit, Tobias P. Cobb.
 Pink Hill Circuit, G. P. Smith.

NEVADA DISTRICT.

John T. Peery, P. E.

Nevada Station, L. P. Sicehoff.
 Walker Circuit, R. W. Reynolds.
 Nevada Circuit, R. A. Bathurst.
 Little Osage Circuit, T. W. Danner.
 Butler Circuit, J. B. H. Wooldridge.
 Montrose Circuit, R. H. Schaeffer.
 Round Prairie Circuit, J. M. Thurman.
 Clinton Circuit, Thomas Wallace.
 Index Circuit, W. L. King.
 Osceola Circuit, J. M. Kennett.
 Warsaw Circuit, L. Pulliam.

NEOSHO DISTRICT.

W. M. Pitts, P. E.

Neosho Circuit, S. M. Godbey, H. W. Webster, Sup.
 Mount Vernon Circuit, J. G. L. Mitchell.

Greenfield Circuit, J. L. Hagler.
 Montevallo Circuit, J. W. Bond.
 Carthage Circuit, T. J. Stringfield.
 Sarcoux Circuit, to be supplied (by W. M. McAlister).
 Pineville Circuit, J. A. Swift.
 Cassville Circuit, J. McGehee.
 Golden City Circuit, to be supplied.

SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.

J. Tillery, P. E.

Springfield Station, T. M. Cobb.
 Springfield Circuit, R. M. Baker.
 Morrisville Station, G. M. Winton.
 Bolivar Circuit, to be supplied.
 Ash Grove Circuit, Thos. D. Payne.
 Stockton Circuit, J. C. Coss.
 Henderson Circuit, to be supplied (by M. L. McClure).
 Marshfield Circuit, L. W. Pearce, J. B. Winton.
 Lebanon and Stoutland, J. P. Barneby.
 Waynesville Circuit, to be supplied.
 Buffalo Circuit, C. F. Dryden.
 Morrisville Institute, W. C. Montgomery, Agent.

W. M. Prottzman transferred to Missouri Conference, and stationed at Hannibal.

G. U. Keener transferred to Missouri Conference, and appointed to Osborn Circuit.

J. F. Scurlock transferred to Louisiana Conference.

F. J. Boggs, C. H. Boggs, W. A. Laughon, transferred to Virginia Conference.

E. S. Smith transferred to Texas Conference.

XXI.—MISSOURI CONFERENCE.

HELD AT GLASGOW, Mo., October 6-11, 1875.

BISHOP KEENER, *President*; JOHN D. VINCIL, *Secretary*.

QUESTION 1. Who are admitted on trial?

ANSWER. Henry C. Bolin, Thomas E. Rose, John T. Winsted, Addison L. Bruer, Alexander Falconer, John D. Houston, Isaac W. Moore, Bradford H. Tripp. 8.

Ques. 2. Who remain on trial?

R. E. Gamble, S. H. Milam, H. T. Leeper, C. W. Herley, T. H. Swearingen, M. G. Gregory, Wm. T. Conwell, R. W. Howerton, John A. Sublett. 9.

Ques. 3. Who are discontinued?

J. G. Gibbins, W. S. Connor, C. W. Watts, at their own request. 3.

Ques. 4. Who are admitted into full connection?

J. R. A. Vaughn, J. C. Carney, A. L. Gribble, J. L. Meffert, S. D. Barnett (an elder). 5.

Ques. 5. Who are readmitted?

John A. Beagle, R. H. G. Keeran, H. B. Watson. 3.

Ques. 6. Who are received by transfer from other Conferences?

G. U. Keener, J. F. Scurlock. 2.

Ques. 7. Who are the deacons of one year?

C. Cleaveland, R. H. Cooper, W. M. Wainright, J. O. Edmonston, W. M. Goode, A. J.

Worley, J. M. O'Brien, J. F. Monroe, J. L. Taylor, J. W. Huffaker, A. S. Doak, O. W. Linn, H. W. Berry. 13.

Ques. 8. What traveling preachers are elected deacons?

James R. A. Vaughn, Jesse C. Carney, John L. Meffert, Andrew L. Gribble. 4.

Ques. 9. What traveling preachers are ordained deacons?

James R. A. Vaughn, Jesse C. Carney, John L. Meffert, Andrew L. Gribble. 4.

Ques. 10. What local preachers are elected deacons?

McKenzie B. Broadus, Bradford H. Tripp, Robert D. Morrison. 3.

Ques. 11. What local preachers are ordained deacons?

McKenzie B. Broadus, Bradford H. Tripp. 2.

Ques. 12. What traveling preachers are elected elders?

John J. Poage, Cornelius A. Shearman, Alvin P. Parker, Chaney Grimes, John W. Perry, Lewis F. Linn. 6.

Ques. 13. What traveling preachers are ordained elders?

John J. Poage, Cornelius A. Shearman, Alvin P. Parker, Chaney Grimes, John W. Perry, Lewis F. Linn. 6.

Ques. 14. What local preachers are elected elders?

None.

Ques. 15. What local preachers are ordained elders?

Simpson W. Burgin. 1.

Ques. 16. Who are located this year?

J. W. Cunningham, N. L. Fish, H. W. Cur-
rin, at their own request. 3.

Ques. 17. Who are supernumerary?

M. B. Chapman, Joseph S. Allen, Tyson
Dines, Lewis Baldwin. 4.

Ques. 18. Who are superannuated?

T. Hurst, George Fentem, Jesse Faubion,
Thomas J. Starr, Robert H. Jordan, Daniel
Penny, Cyrus Doggett, Thomas Demoss. 8.

Ques. 19. What preachers have died during
the past year?

John C. C. Davis. 1.

JOHN C. C. DAVIS was born in Lewis co.,
Ky., March 2, 1832, and died at his residence
in St. Joseph, Mo., March 11, 1875, aged forty-
three years, eleven months, and fourteen days.
He removed with his parents to Buchanan co.,
Mo., in 1837. He professed religion Feb. 21,
1850, and, under the ministry of M. R. Jones,
was received into the Methodist Episcopal
Church, South. He was licensed to preach
and received on trial by the Missouri Annual
Conference in September, 1853. He was mar-
ried March 26, 1855, to Miss Mary Clay, who
participated with him, till his work was done,
in the duties and trials connected with the
itinerant ministry. Brother Davis enjoyed a

rich religious experience, entertained sound
and enlarged views of gospel truth, and was a
plain, earnest, and useful preacher, winning
souls to Christ and ministering to the comfort
and edification of believers. As he grew in
years he grew in grace and in the confidence
and affection of his brethren. His health,
which was not at any time robust, grew more
feeble during the late years of his life, and at
the Conference of Sept., 1874, he was granted
a supernumerary relation. But the solemn
hour came—sooner than his beloved ones ex-
pected; sooner, it may be, than our dear brother
expected the summons. But it did not find
him unfurnished. "Mark the perfect man,
and behold the upright, for the end of that
man is peace." To his aged mother, who has
but lately crossed the dark river to rejoin him,
he said: "All is well; all is well!" To one of
his brethren in the ministry, who visited him
only a few hours before his death, he said,
while suffering great physical agony: "My
dear brother, the Lord is with me, and his
grace supports me in this time of trial." He
left a widow and seven children. The young-
est, soon after the death of the father, was
"gathered home." We commend those that
remain to the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and pray that they all may meet in heaven,
where "sickness, sorrow, pain, and death are
felt and feared no more."

Ques. 20. Are all the preachers blameless in
their life and official administration?

Their names were called over, one by one,
and their characters examined and passed.

Ques. 21. What is the number of local preach-
ers and members in the several circuits, stations,
and missions of the Conference?

St. Charles District.

	White Mem's.	Col'd Mem's.	Loc'l Pr's.
St. Charles.....	129	.....	.....
Cottleville.....	146	.....	.....
Wentzville.....	340	.....	.....
Wright City.....	258	.....	3
Jonesburg.....	223	.....	1
Troy.....	135	.....	2
Ashley.....	200	.....	1
Louisiana.....	136	.....	.....
Clarksville.....	313	.....	3
Auburn.....	236	.....	.....
Alexandria.....	320	.....	2
Nineveh.....	61	.....	.....
	2497	.....	12

Mexico District.

Mexico.....	175	.....	.....
Mexico Circuit.....	153	.....	1
Fulton.....	134	.....	.....
Fulton Circuit.....	384	.....	1
Pleasant Grove.....	171	.....	1
Cedar City.....	237	.....	.....
Williamsburg.....	301	.....	1
New Florence.....	281	.....	1
Montgomery City.....	264	.....	.....
Vandalia.....	63	.....	1
Santa Fe.....	122	.....	.....
Madison.....	219	.....	1
	2504	.....	7

Plattsburg District.

	White Mem's.	Col'd Mem's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Plattsburg.....	269	.....	3
Osborn.....	269	.....	2
Weston and Platte City.....	137	.....	1
Parkville.....	400	.....	1
Liberty.....	169	.....	1
Camden.....	228	.....	2
Richmond.....	119	.....	1
Millville.....	389	.....	2
Maysville.....	201	.....	1
Polo.....	256	.....	2
Gosneyville.....	280	.....	1
Haynesville.....	243	.....	1
Platte City Circuit.....	73	.....	.....
	3023		17

Chillicothe District.

	White Mem's.	Col'd Mem's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Chillicothe.....	225	.....	1
Chillicothe Circuit.....	395	.....	3
Breckenridge.....	240	.....	1
Mandeville.....	460	.....	3
Norborn.....	365	.....	.....
Pleasant Park.....	227	.....	2
Carrollton.....	165	.....	.....
Keytesville.....	378	.....	2
Bucklin.....	241	.....	.....
Linneus.....	332	.....	1
Meadville.....	104	.....	2
Brunswick.....	103	.....	1
	3235		16

St. Joseph District.

St. Joseph:			
Francis Street.....	340	.....	1
Tenth Street.....	132	.....	.....
St. Joseph Circuit.....	120	.....	.....
Forest City.....	225	.....	.....
Rockport and Hamburg.....	305	.....	3
Maryville.....	70	.....	1
Maryville Circuit.....	350	.....	4
Savannah.....	170	.....	3
Rushville.....	135	.....	3
New Market.....	351	.....	.....
	2198		15

Fayette District.

Fayette.....	111	.....	7
Fayette Circuit.....	395	.....	3
Glasgow.....	160	.....	2
Salisbury.....	442	.....	1
Moberly.....	120	.....	.....
Sturgeon.....	312	.....	1
Renick.....	176	.....	2
Columbia.....	245	.....	1
Ashland.....	378	.....	1
Rocheport.....	476	.....	4
	2815		22

Gallatin District.

Gallatin.....	130	.....	1
Gallatin Circuit.....	138	.....	.....
Trenton.....	153	.....	.....
Jamesport.....	547	.....	4
Pattonsburg.....	295	.....	1
Albany.....	273	.....	1
Grant City.....	106	.....	1
Bethany.....	240	.....	2
Lineville.....	180	.....	2
Milan.....	374	.....	7
Green Castle.....	100	.....	4
	2536		23

Recapitulation.

St. Charles District.....	2497	.....	12
Mexico.....	2504	.....	7
Plattsburg.....	3023	.....	17
St. Joseph.....	2198	.....	15
Gallatin.....	2536	.....	23
Hannibal.....	3179	.....	13
Macon.....	2867	.....	16
Chillicothe.....	3235	.....	16
Fayette.....	2815	.....	22
Total this year.....	24,854	.....	141
Total last year.....	24,435	.....	137
Increase.....	419	.....	4

Hannibal District.

Hannibal:			
Hannibal Station.....	260	.....	1
Arch Street.....	74	.....	1
Hydesburg.....	175	.....	.....
Palmira.....	214	.....	1
Monroe City.....	249	.....	1
Florida.....	343	.....	1
Shelbyville.....	463	.....	1
Newark.....	277	.....	.....
Canton.....	256	.....	1
La Grange.....	188	.....	.....
Monticello.....	235	.....	4
Williamstown.....	258	.....	2
Kahoka.....	187	.....	.....
	3179		13

Macon District.

Macon City.....	168	.....	.....
Bloomington.....	308	.....	3
Kirksville.....	220	.....	1
Queen City.....	98	.....	.....
Memphis.....	280	.....	1
Edina.....	228	.....	1
Sue City.....	155	.....	4
Clarence.....	307	.....	1
Shelbina.....	325	.....	1
Paris.....	188	.....	.....
Huntsville.....	330	.....	3
Cairo.....	260	.....	1
	2667		16

Ques. 22. How many infants have been baptized during the year?
478.

Ques. 23. How many adults have been baptized during the year?
1032.

Ques. 24. What is the number of Sunday-schools?
256.

Ques. 25. What is the number of Sunday-school teachers?
1787.

Ques. 26. What is the number of Sunday-school scholars?
11,915.

Ques. 27. What amount is necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers?
\$3,000.

Ques. 28. What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied?

Collected, \$2,265 60

Applied as follows:

Jesse Faubion,	\$ 50 00
Mrs. J. Lannius,	50 00
Mrs. J. F. Young,	173 50
Mrs. Geo. Sexton and three children,	100 00
Mrs. Geo. Smith and five children,	75 00
Mrs. W. Perkins,	77 10
Mayhew's children,	50 00
Anna and Ida Primrose,	120 00
Geo. Fenton,	100 00
R. H. Jordan,	175 00
Thos. Hurst,	25 00
Mrs. M. Richardson,	20 00
Mrs. D. A. Leeper and four children,	225 00
Mrs. Wm. Ketron,	30 00
Mrs. A. Monroe,	100 00
Mrs. D. Blackwell and eight children,	300 00
Mrs. Wm. Mayhew and one child,	195 00
Ida Capers,	50 00
T. J. Starr,	100 00
D. Penny,	125 00
Mrs. Davis and six children,	125 00
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	\$2,265 60

Ques. 29. What has been contributed for missions?

\$7,924 88.

Ques. 30. Where shall the next session of the Conference be held?

At Hannibal, Mo.

Ques. 31. Where are the preachers stationed this year?

ST. CHARLES DISTRICT.

W. W. Jones, P. E.

St. Charles Station, T. J. Gooch.
 Cottleville Circuit, H. P. Bond.
 Wentzville Circuit, Jesse Bird, J. S. Allen, Sup.
 Mechanicsville Circuit, William Goode.
 Wright City Circuit, John M. O'Brien.
 Jonesburg Circuit, J. Y. Blakey.
 Troy Circuit, S. D. Barnett.
 Ashley Circuit, to be supplied (by F. A. Savage).
 Louisiana Station, R. N. T. Holliday.
 Clarksville Circuit, J. H. Ledbetter.
 Auburn Circuit, Jesse Sutton.
 Alexandria Circuit, D. T. Shearman.

MEXICO DISTRICT.

S. W. Cope, P. E.

Mexico Station, John D. Vincil.
 Mexico Circuit, J. F. Monroe.
 Fulton Station, H. D. Groves.
 Fulton Circuit, to be supplied (by M. F. Groves, William Sartor).
 Pleasant Grove Circuit, P. D. Vandeventer.
 Cedar City Circuit, G. W. Penn.
 Williamsburg Circuit, R. G. Loving, H. Kay.
 New Florence Circuit, J. O. Edmonson.
 Montgomery City Circuit, John F. Shores.
 Vandalia Mission, C. W. Collett.
 Santa Fe Circuit, J. S. Rooker.
 Madison Circuit, H. W. James.

MACON DISTRICT.

B. H. Spencer, P. E.

Macon City Station, W. A. Tarwater.
 Bloomington Circuit, G. W. Rich.
 Kirksville Circuit, J. R. A. Vaughn.
 Queen City Mission, A. S. Doak.
 Memphis Circuit, J. S. Smith.
 Edina Circuit, E. Carlyle.
 Sue City Circuit, W. Warren, W. F. Bell.
 Clarence Circuit, D. R. Shackelford.
 Shelbyna Circuit, H. B. Watson.
 Paris Circuit, W. J. Jackson.
 Huntsville and Moberly, R. A. Austin.
 Cairo Mission, J. L. Taylor.

FAYETTE DISTRICT.

J. H. Pritchett, P. E.

Fayette Station, E. M. Mann, Tyson Dines, Sup.
 Fayette Circuit, W. M. Rush.
 Glasgow Station, W. M. Newland.
 Salisbury Circuit, W. Toole.
 Sturgeon Circuit, D. H. Root.
 Renick Mission, W. M. Sutton.
 Ashland, Robert White.
 Columbia Station, W. H. Lewis.
 Rocheport, H. H. Craig.
 Central College, W. G. Miller, F. X. Forster.
 Huntsville Circuit, B. F. Johnson.

CHILLICOTHE DISTRICT.

J. P. Noland, P. E.

Chillicothe Station, A. P. Linn.
 Bedford Circuit, R. H. G. Keeran.
 Chillicothe Circuit, A. J. Worley.
 Breckenridge Circuit, J. F. Scurlock.
 Mandeville Circuit, H. T. Leeper.
 Norborn Circuit, J. L. Meffert.
 Pleasant Park Circuit, M. G. Gregory.
 Carrollton Station, G. W. Horn.
 Brunswick Station, R. H. Cooper.
 Keytesville Circuit, S. L. Woody.
 Bucklin Circuit, H. C. Bolen.
 Linneus Circuit, C. Grimes.
 Rothville Circuit, R. W. Howerton.

PLATTSBURG DISTRICT.

W. E. Dockery, P. E.

Plattsburg and Mount Moriah, A. V. Bayley.
 Osborn Circuit, G. U. Keener.
 Weston Circuit, J. A. Beagle.
 Piatte City Circuit, D. F. Bone.
 Parkville Circuit, O. W. Linn.
 Liberty Circuit, W. C. Campbell.
 Camden Circuit, Thomas E. Rose.
 Richmond, M. R. Jones.
 Millville, G. Tanquary.
 Maysville Mission, Charles Babcock, J. T. Winsted.
 Polo Circuit, T. H. Swearingen.
 Gosneyville, Thomas R. Hedgepeth.
 Haynesville Mission, James A. Hyder.

ST. JOSEPH DISTRICT.

C. I. Vandeventer, P. E.

St. Joseph:

Francis Street, E. R. Hendrix, M. B. Chapman, Sup.

Tenth Street and Frederick Avenue, R. E. Gamble.

St. Joseph Circuit, William Barnett.

Forest City Circuit, to be supplied (by John Anderson).

Craig Circuit, H. A. Davis.

Hamburg Mission, J. W. Ellis.

Maryville Circuit, C. A. Shearman.

Lamar Circuit, S. H. Milam.

Savannah Circuit, Lewis F. Linn.

New Market Circuit, J. Devlin.

Rushville, A. L. Bruer.

GALLATIN DISTRICT.

S. W. Atterbury, P. E.

Gallatin Station, J. A. Mumpower.

Trenton Mission, C. Cleaveland.

Gallatin Circuit, B. H. Tripp.

Jamesport Circuit, J. W. Perry, John D. Houston.

Pattonsburg, J. W. Huffaker.

Albany Circuit, W. M. Wainright.

Ailantus Grove Mission, W. T. Connell.

Grant City Mission, John A. Sublett.

Bethany Circuit, I. W. Moore.

Lineville Circuit, to be supplied (by S. S. Harden).

Milan Circuit, A. L. Gribble.

Green Castle Mission, H. W. Berry.

HANNIBAL DISTRICT.

W. Penn, P. E.

Hannibal:

Hannibal Station, to be supplied (by W. M. Prottzman).

Arch Street and Hydesburg, A. M. Kiergan.

New London Mission, A. Spencer.

Palmyra Station, J. B. Jewell.

Palmyra Circuit, T. R. Kendall.

Monroe City Circuit, J. S. Todd, C. W. Hurley.

Shelbyville Circuit, Thompson Penn.

Lewistown Circuit, D. L. Rader.

Monticello Circuit, L. Rush.

La Grange Circuit, J. R. Taylor.

Canton Circuit, J. J. Poage.

Williamstown Circuit, James Penn.

Kahoka Mission, W. M. Wood, J. C. Carney.

Shelby High School, W. W. McMurray.

L. A. Smith transferred to Los Angeles Conference.

H. H. Kavanaugh transferred to Kentucky Conference.

Alex. Falconer transferred to Western Conference, and appointed to Coffeerville.

H. A. Bourland transferred to South-west Missouri Conference.

A. P. Parker, Missionary to China.

XXII.—WESTERN CONFERENCE.

HELD AT COUNCIL GROVE, KANSAS, *September 1-6, 1875.*BISHOP MARVIN, *President*; G. J. WARREN, *Secretary*.

QUESTION 1. Who are admitted on trial?

ANSWER. None.

Ques. 2. Who remain on trial?

O. P. Noble, W. E. Broudhurst, R. B. Wilson, J. S. Cox, A. A. Lewis. 5.

Ques. 3. Who are discontinued?

G. B. Armstrong. 1.

Ques. 4. Who are admitted into full connection?

C. W. Thorp. 1.

Ques. 5. Who are readmitted?

None.

Ques. 6. Who are received by transfer from other Conferences?

J. S. Cox. 1.

Ques. 7. Who are the deacons of one year?

C. C. Armstrong. 1.

Ques. 8. What traveling preachers are elected deacons?

C. W. Thorp. 1.

Ques. 9. What traveling preachers are ordained deacons?

C. W. Thorp. 1.

Ques. 10. What local preachers are elected deacons?

None.

Ques. 11. What local preachers are ordained deacons?

None.

Ques. 12. What traveling preachers are elected elders?

John W. Faubion. 1.

Ques. 13. What traveling preachers are ordained elders?

John W. Faubion. 1.

Ques. 14. What local preachers are elected elders?

None.

Ques. 15. What local preachers are ordained elders?

None.

Ques. 16. Who are located this year?

L. C. Walters. 1.

Ques. 17. Who are supernumerary?

None.

Ques. 18. Who are superannuated?

A. Williams. 1.

Ques. 19. What preachers have died during the past year?

None.

Ques. 20. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?

Their names were called over, one by one, and their characters examined and passed.

Ques. 21. What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations, and missions of the Conference?

Leavenworth District.

	White Mem's.	Col'd Mem's	Loc. Pr's.
Leavenworth Circuit.....	150	.....	.....
Atchison Station.....	98	.....	.....
Nebraska City Station.....	65	.....	.....
Nebraska Circuit.....	79	.....	.....
Atchison Circuit.....	165	.....	1
Oskaloosa Circuit.....	237	.....	.....
Troy Circuit.....	149	.....	1
Holton Circuit.....	212	.....	1
Palmyra Circuit.....	73	.....	.....
	1248	.....	3

Council Grove District.

Council Grove Station.....	160	.....	.....
Council Grove Mission.....	48	.....	.....
Walnut Valley Circuit.....	112	.....	1
Waterville and Rock Creek Circuit..	45	.....	.....
Independence Circuit.....	76	.....	1
	441	.....	2

Fort Scott District.

Fort Scott Circuit.....	40	.....	.....
Wyandotte Circuit.....	200	.....	1
Shawnee Circuit.....	220	.....	.....
Paola Circuit.....	140	.....	2
Baxter's Springs Circuit.....	70	.....	1
	670	.....	4

Recapitulation.

Leavenworth District.....	1248	.....	3
Council Grove ".....	441	.....	2
Fort Scott ".....	670	.....	4
Total this year.....	2359	.....	9
Total last year.....	2671	2	24
Decrease.....	312	2	15

Ques. 22. How many infants have been baptized during the year?

21.

Ques. 23. How many adults have been baptized during the year?

140.

Ques. 24. What is the number of Sunday-schools?

35.

Ques. 25. What is the number of Sunday-school teachers?

221.

Ques. 26. What is the number of Sunday-school scholars?

1139.

Ques. 27. What amount is necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers?

\$150.

Ques. 28. What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied?

Collected, \$63 65. Paid to Mrs. G. O. Hilton.

Ques. 29. What has been contributed for missions?

\$365.

Ques. 30. Where shall the next session of the Conference be held?

At Nebraska City, Kansas.

Ques. 31. Where are the preachers stationed this year?

LEAVENWORTH DISTRICT.

D. C. O'Howell, P. E.

Leavenworth Circuit, C. W. Thorp.

Oskaloosa Circuit, J. W. Faubion.

Atchison Station, J. King.

Atchison Circuit, Jacob McEwen.

Holton Circuit, W. P. Caples.

Troy Circuit, A. A. Lewis.

Nebraska City Station, W. A. Hanna.

Nebraska Circuit, C. C. Armstrong.

Palmyra Circuit, J. S. Cox.

Wyandotte Circuit, G. J. Warren.

COUNCIL GROVE DISTRICT.

H. D. Hogan, P. E.

Council Grove Station, J. O. Foresman.

Council Grove Mission, to be supplied.

Cedar Point Circuit, to be supplied (by S. R. Sayres).

Walnut Valley Mission, O. P. Noble.

Independence Mission, N. G. Faubion.

Coffeetown Mission, to be supplied.

Baxter's Springs Circuit, R. B. Wilson.

Fort Scott Mission, W. E. Broadhurst.

Paola Mission, T. C. Downs.

Shawnee Circuit, C. Boles.

J. C. Hyden transferred to Pacific Conference.

XXIII.—DENVER CONFERENCE.

HELD AT HELENA, MONTANA, July 29–August 2, 1875.

BISHOP MARVIN, *President*; E. J. STANLEY, *Secretary*.

QUESTION 1. Who are admitted on trial?

ANSWER. None.

Ques. 2. Who remain on trial?

Robert M. Craven, Milton A. Clark. 2.

Ques. 3. Who are discontinued?

William Crothers. 1.

Ques. 4. Who are admitted into full connection?

None.

Ques. 5. Who are readmitted?

Arthur E. Sears. 1.

Ques. 6. Who are received by transfer from other Conferences?

Williamson Harris, Milton A. Clark. 2.

Ques. 7. Who are the deacons of one year?

Samuel Debusk, Daniel S. Collie. 2.

Ques. 8. What traveling preachers are elected deacons?

None.

Ques. 9. What traveling preachers are ordained deacons?

None.

Ques. 10. What local preachers are elected deacons?

None.

Ques. 11. What local preachers are ordained deacons?

None.

Ques. 12. What traveling preachers are elected elders?

None.

Ques. 13. What traveling preachers are ordained elders?

None.

Ques. 14. What local preachers are elected elders?

None.

Ques. 15. What local preachers are ordained elders?

None.

Ques. 16. Who are located this year?

James G. Worley, Samuel D. Evans. 2.

Ques. 17. Who are supernumerary?

Daniel S. Collie. 1.

Ques. 18. Who are superannuated?

A. A. Morrison. 1.

Ques. 19. What preachers have died during the past year?

None.

Ques. 20. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?

Their names were called over, one by one, and their characters examined and passed.

Ques. 21. What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations, and missions of the Conference?

Denver District.

	White Men's.	Col'd Men's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Denver Station.....	82	.....	.....
Denver Circuit.....	15	.....	.....
Divide.....	40	.....	.....
Pine Grove.....	29	.....	1
Colorado Springs.....	35	.....	.....
Georgetown.....	.....	.....	.....
Sterling.....	.....	.....	.....
	201	.....	1

Pueblo District.

Pueblo Station.....	17
Riverside.....	.....	.....	.....
Los Animos.....	.....	.....	.....
Trinidad.....	.....	.....	.....
New Mexico.....	.....	.....	.....
Huerfano.....	.....	.....	.....
Cañon City.....	.....	.....	.....
	17	.....	.....

Helena District.

Helena Station.....	35
Helena Circuit.....	26	.....	.....
Diamond City and Radersburg.....	24	.....	.....
Gallatin City.....	38	.....	.....
Bozeman.....	20	.....	.....
	143	.....	.....

Deer Lodge District.

Deer Lodge Station.....	7
Mound Spring.....	.....	.....	.....
Pioneer and New Chicago.....	3	.....	.....
Corvalis and Missoula.....	109	.....	.....
	119	.....	.....

Virginia City District.

Silver Star.....	17	.....	.....
Bannock.....	.....	.....	.....
Salmon City.....	.....	.....	.....
Virginia City Station.....	5	.....	.....
	22	.....	.....

Recapitulation.

Denver District.....	201	.....	1
Pueblo ".....	17	.....	.....
Helena ".....	143	.....	.....
Deer Lodge ".....	119	.....	.....
Virginia City ".....	22	.....	.....
Total this year.....	502	.....	1
Total last year.....	636	.....	9
Decrease.....	134	.....	8

Ques. 22. How many infants have been baptized during the year?

34.

Ques. 23. How many adults have been baptized during the year?

13.

Ques. 24. What is the number of Sunday-schools?

9.

Ques. 25. What is the number of Sunday-school teachers?

63.

Ques. 26. What is the number of Sunday-school scholars?

432.

Ques. 27. What amount is necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers?

No claimants.

Ques. 28. What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied?

Collected, \$17. Sent to the Western Conference for the relief of Mrs. G. H. Hilton.

Ques. 29. What has been contributed for missions?

\$238.

Ques. 30. Where shall the next session of the Conference be held?

At Colorado Springs, Colorado Territory.

Ques. 31. Where are the preachers stationed this year?

COLORADO DISTRICT.

Arthur E. Sears, P. E.

Denver Station, to be supplied.

Golden City Mission, S. J. Catlin.

Divide Mission, J. R. McClure.

Pine Grove Mission, to be supplied (by L. D. Harwell).

Colorado Springs Mission, Thomas R. Pierce, Daniel S. Collie, Sup.

Pueblo Mission, W. M. Smith.

Los Animos Mission, Milton A. Clark.

Trinidad Mission, Samuel W. Debusk.

Huerfano Mission, to be supplied (by A. H. Quillian).

New Mexico Mission, to be supplied.

Byjoe Mission, Thomas L. Duke.

MONTANA DISTRICT.

(P. E. to be supplied.)

Helena Mission, Williamson Harris.

Diamond City and Radersburg Mission, R. S. Clark.

Bozeman Mission, C. W. Sanford.

Deer Lodge and Pioneer Mission, T. W. Flowers.

Corvalis and Missoula Mission, R. M. Craven.

Virginia City and Silver Star Mission, E. J. Stanley.

Boulder Mission, L. B. Stateler.

Salmon City, to be supplied.

Corvalis School, J. T. Curtis.

J. J. Carden transferred to North Carolina.

W. C. Hearn transferred to North Alabama.

XXIV.—INDIAN MISSION CONFERENCE.

HELD AT ATOKA, C. N., October 6-10, 1875.

BISHOP PIERCE, *President*; E. R. SHAPARD, *Secretary*.

QUESTION 1. Who are admitted on trial?

ANSWER. None.

Ques. 2. Who remain on trial?

Wm. M. Keith. 1.

Ques. 3. Who are discontinued?

H. P. Clay. 1.

Ques. 4. Who are admitted into full connection?

Nathanael E. Parsons. 1.

Ques. 5. Who are readmitted?

James C. Daily. 1.

Ques. 6. Who are received by transfer from other Conferences?

Robert N. Francis, received on elder's orders from the Christian Union. 1.

Ques. 7. Who are the deacons of one year?

W. S. Derrick, J. F. Thompson. 2.

Ques. 8. What traveling preachers are elected deacons?

None.

Ques. 9. What traveling preachers are ordained deacons?

None.

Ques. 10. What local preachers are elected deacons?

James Mullen (a Choctaw), Alex. B. Collett. 2.

Ques. 11. What local preachers are ordained deacons?

James Mullen, Alex. B. Collett. 2.

Ques. 12. What traveling preachers are elected elders?

None.

Ques. 13. What traveling preachers are ordained elders?

None.

Ques. 14. What local preachers are elected elders?

None.

Ques. 15. What local preachers are ordained elders?

None.

Ques. 16. Who are located this year?

None.

Ques. 17. Who are supernumerary?

S. P. Willis. 1.

Ques. 18. Who are superannuated?

Thos. B. Ruble, David B. Cumming, J. C. Robinson. 3.

Ques. 19. What preachers have died during the past year?

None.

Ques. 20. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?

Their names were called over, one by one, and their characters examined and passed.

Ques. 21. What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations, and missions of the Conference?

Cherokee District.

	White Mem's.	Indian Mem's.	Col'd Mem's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Fort Gibson and Tahlequah...	31	217	2	1
Spring Creek.....		270		
Claremont.....	9	114		4
Grand River.....	11	245		4
Flint.....		190		3
Salesaw.....	24	260	6	3
	75	1296	8	15

Choctaw District.

Skullyville.....	62	103	2	4
Mashlatubbee.....		91		3
San Bois.....	7	24	1	3
Double Spring.....		112		3
	69	330	3	13

Creek District.

Okmulgee.....		130		8
Eufaula.....		275		8
Creek Agency.....		289		5
Hitchitsee.....		135		6
Canadian.....		85		
Asbury M. L. School.....	1	17		
Cane Creek Colored Charge...			100	4
	1	931	100	31

Kiamichi District.

Kiamichi.....	3	204	3	5
Doaksville.....	5	404	39	4
Little River.....		68		
Jack's Fork.....		109	9	2
Perryville.....	14	9		
Boggy.....	1	395		6
Doaksville Colored Charge...			85	1
	23	1189	136	18

Chickasaw District.

	White Mem's.	Indian Mem's.	Col'd Mem's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Chickasaw.....	20	225	9	6
Paul's Valley.....	106	8		1
Caddo.....	10	162		1
Blue Colored Charge.....			25	
Washita.....	9	18		
	145	413	34	8

Recapitulation.

Cherokee District.....	75	1296	8	15
Choctaw ".....	69	330	3	13
Creek ".....	1	931	100	31
Kiamichi ".....	23	1189	136	18
Chickasaw ".....	145	413	34	8
Total this year.....	313	4159	281	85
Total last year.....	397	4347	360	69
Increase.....				16
Decrease.....	84	188	79	

Ques. 22. How many infants have been baptized during the year?

292.

Ques. 23. How many adults have been baptized during the year?

293.

Ques. 24. What is the number of Sunday-schools?

33.

Ques. 25. What is the number of Sunday-school teachers?

120.

Ques. 26. What is the number of Sunday-school scholars?

943.

Ques. 27. What amount is necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers?

No answer.

Ques. 28. What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied?

No answer.

Ques. 29. What has been contributed for missions?

\$187.

Ques. 30. Where shall the next session of the Conference be held?

At Vinita, Cherokee Nation.

Ques. 31. Where are the preachers stationed this year?

CHEROKEE DISTRICT.

John Harrell, P. E.

Fort Gibson and Tahlequah, J. C. Daily.

Spring Creek, Isaac Sanders.

Grand River, J. F. Thompson.

Claremont, T. K. B. McSpadden.

Flint, W. S. Derrick.

Salesaw and Canadian, to be supplied (by W. C. Brodie, John Sevier).

Cherokee Orphan Asylum, W. A. Duncan.

MUSCOGEE DISTRICT.*(P. E. to be supplied.)*

Ocmulgee, to be supplied (by F. Gooden).
 Eufaula, to be supplied (by — Rolen).
 Conchartee, James McHenry.
 Broken Arrow, to be supplied (by Jesse Peters).
 Hitchitee, to be supplied (by M. Mitchell).
 Cane Creek Colored Charge, to be supplied (by Peter Stedham).
 Asbury Manual Labor School, Young Ewing, Superintendent.

CHOCTAW DISTRICT.*E. R. Shapard, P. E.*

Skullyville, to be supplied (by W. Fulsom).
 Mashulatubbee, to be supplied.
 San Bois, to be supplied.
 Double Spring, to be supplied (by J. Mullen).
 New Hope Seminary, E. R. Shapard, Superintendent.

CHICKASAW DISTRICT.*J. H. Walker, P. E.*

Boggy Depot, N. E. Parsons.

Washita, to be supplied (by A. B. Collett).
 Boggy, to be supplied (by James Jerry).
 Kiamichi, to be supplied (by D. Miller Balinchi).
 Doaksville, W. M. Keith, S. P. Willis, Sup.
 Atoka, J. Y. Brice, one to be supplied (by M. Perry).
 Doaksville Colored Charge, to be supplied.
 Boggy Depot Colored Charge, to be supplied.

PAUL'S VALLEY DISTRICT.*W. G. Davis, P. E.*

Tishamingo, F. C. Pearson.
 Chickasaw Circuit, to be supplied (by G. Grayson).
 Paul's Valley Circuit, to be supplied (by Elijah Smoot).
 Pottawattomie Mission, to be supplied.
 Elm Spring, to be supplied.
 Randolph, R. N. Francis.
 Blue Colored Charge, to be supplied.

C. M. Slover transferred to Little Rock Conference.

XXV.—ARKANSAS CONFERENCE.

HELD AT LEWISBURG, ARK., *November 24–29, 1875.*

BISHOP WIGHTMAN, *President*; ISHAM L. BURROW, *Secretary*.

QUESTION 1. Who are admitted on trial?

ANSWER. George Pledger, Ambrose H. Williams, James N. Coker, David C. Simmons, P. Basham Summers, James P. Caldwell. 6.

Ques. 2. Who remain on trial?

B. L. Ferguson, H. C. Jolly, Thomas E. Sewell, W. J. Stone, Lucius I. Lasley. 5.

Ques. 3. Who are discontinued?

J. W. Powell, G. B. Bugg. 2.

Ques. 4. Who are admitted into full connection?

Benjamin H. Greathouse, J. P. Calloway, J. E. Martin. 3.

Ques. 5. Who are readmitted?

Abel C. Ray, Samuel A. Mason. 2.

Ques. 6. Who are received by transfer from other Conferences?

J. W. Bryant, J. E. Walker, F. H. Thacker. 3.

Ques. 7. Who are the deacons of one year?

I. B. Hickman, J. L. Hays, N. E. Fair. 3.

Ques. 8. What traveling preachers are elected deacons?

J. P. Callaway, J. E. Martin. 2.

Ques. 9. What traveling preachers are ordained deacons?

J. P. Callaway, J. E. Martin. 2.

Ques. 10. What local preachers are elected deacons?

Wiley C. Eppler, John F. Saffell, Jesse M. King, James E. Dunaway. 4.

Ques. 11. What local preachers are ordained deacons?

John F. Saffell, James E. Dunaway, Jesse M. King. 3.

Ques. 12. What traveling preachers are elected elders?

None.

Ques. 13. What traveling preachers are ordained elders?

None.

Ques. 14. What local preachers are elected elders?

W. W. Anderson, W. H. H. Oyler. 2.

Ques. 15. What local preachers are ordained elders?

W. W. Anderson. 1.

Ques. 16. Who are located this year?

J. L. Hicks, J. H. Boyd, F. M. Moore, S. P. Hicks, H. H. Thacker. 5.

Ques. 17. Who are supernumerary?

Eli C. Jones, George W. Evans, Hastings Prichett, H. R. Withers, C. H. Gregory. 5.

Ques. 18. Who are superannuated?

W. R. Knowlton, Jesse Griffin, John M. Bewley. 3.

Ques. 19. What preachers have died during the past year?

None.

Ques. 20. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?

Their names were called over, one by one, and their characters examined and passed.

Ques. 21. What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations, and missions of the Conference?

Fayetteville District.

	White Mem's.	Col'd Mem's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Fayetteville Circuit.....	418	.....	2
Fayetteville Station.....	140	.....	.....
Huntsville Circuit.....	.....	.....	.....
White River Circuit.....	150	.....	2
Bentonville Circuit.....	350	.....	5
Viney Grove Circuit.....	336	.....	.....
Center Point Circuit.....	325	.....	3
Bloomfield Circuit.....	185	.....	4
Hindesville Circuit.....	240	.....	6
Boonsboro Circuit.....	306	.....	5
	2450	.....	35

Fort Smith District.

Fort Smith Station.....	68	.....	1
Sugar-loaf Circuit.....	212	.....	3
Greenwood Circuit.....	335	.....	10
Fort Smith Circuit.....	160	.....	5
Shoal Creek Circuit.....	260	.....	7
Paris and Roseville Station.....	41	.....	.....
Waldron Circuit.....	452	.....	7
Boonville Circuit.....	258	.....	1
Bluffton Circuit.....	325	.....	5
Charleston Circuit.....	197	.....	4
	2298	.....	43

Clarksville District.

Ozark and Pleasant Hill Station.....	94	.....	1
Van Buren Station.....	74	.....	.....
Van Buren Circuit.....	361	.....	5
Ozark Circuit.....	194	.....	1
Dover Circuit.....	140	.....	1
Clarksville Station.....	100	.....	1
Clarksville Circuit.....	460	.....	6
Piney Mission.....	.....	.....	.....
	1423	.....	15

Dardanelle District.

Dardanelle Station.....	160	.....	1
Dardanelle Circuit.....	334	.....	3
Perryville Circuit.....	212	.....	6
Lewisburg Circuit.....	180	.....	.....
Clinton Circuit.....	250	.....	2
Galla Rock Circuit.....	293	.....	3
Mount Vernon Circuit.....	358	.....	4
Lewisburg Station.....	116	.....	2
Springfield Circuit.....	.....	.....	.....
Point Remove Circuit.....	.....	.....	.....
Quitman Circuit.....	.....	.....	.....
	1903	.....	27

Yellville District.

Yellville Station.....	132	.....	1
Yellville Circuit.....	280	.....	4

Yellville District (continued).

	White Mem's.	Col'd Mem's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Huntsville Circuit.....	211	.....	2
Mountain View Circuit.....	259	.....	6
Marshall Circuit.....	365	.....	1
Double Spring Circuit.....	264	.....	4
Carrollton Circuit.....	354	.....	4
Harrison Circuit.....	180	.....	3
Bellefonte Circuit.....	286	.....	8
Mountain Home Circuit.....	202	.....	3
Big Flat Circuit.....	184	.....	6
	2717	.....	42

Recapitulation.

Fayetteville District.....	2450	.....	35
Fort Smith ".....	2298	.....	43
Clarksville ".....	1423	.....	15
Dardanelle ".....	1903	.....	27
Yellville ".....	2717	.....	42
Total this year.....	10,791	.....	162
Total last year.....	11,952	.....	146
Increase.....	.....	.....	16
Decrease.....	1161	14	.....

Ques. 22. How many infants have been baptized during the year?

315.

Ques. 23. How many adults have been baptized during the year?

499.

Ques. 24. What is the number of Sunday-schools?

84.

Ques. 25. What is the number of Sunday-school teachers?

492.

Ques. 26. What is the number of Sunday-school scholars?

4671.

Ques. 27. What amount is necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers?

\$400.

Ques. 28. What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied?

Collected,	\$245 40
Applied as follows:	
J. Bewley,	50 00
J. Griffin,	50 00
Mrs. White,	46 35
Mrs. Reneau,	46 35
Mrs. Beckham,	26 35
Mrs. Farish,	26 35

\$245 40

Ques. 29. What has been contributed for missions?

Foreign Missions,	\$440 15
Domestic Missions,	257 15

\$697 30

Ques. 30. Where shall the next session of the Conference be held?
At Yellville, Ark.

Ques. 31. Where are the preachers stationed this year?

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT.

J. A. Walden, P. E.

Fayetteville Station, S. A. Mason.
Fayetteville Circuit, Thomas J. Smith.
Boonsboro Circuit, R. McK. Tydings.
Viney Grove Circuit, W. H. Corley.
Bloomfield Circuit, D. Sturdy.
Center Point Circuit, J. M. Clayton.
Hindesville Circuit, J. T. Stockton.
Bentonville Circuit, to be supplied (by P. H. Trone).
White River Circuit, to be supplied (by W. W. Harrison).
Huntsville Circuit, Thomas E. Sewell.

FORT SMITH DISTRICT.

H. M. Granade, P. E.

Fort Smith Station, B. H. Greathouse.
Fort Smith Circuit, to be supplied (by W. W. Weir).
Greenwood Circuit, S. H. Babcock.
Sugar-loaf Circuit, J. L. Hays.
Waldron Circuit, J. E. Martin.
Fouche Circuit, G. Pledger.
Bluffton Circuit, J. P. Caldwell.
Danville Circuit, N. E. Fair.
Shoal Creek Circuit, I. B. Hickman.
Paris and Roseville, A. H. Williams, H. R. Withers, Sup.
Boonville Circuit, T. M. C. Birmingham.
Charleston Circuit, S. S. Key.

CLARKSVILLE DISTRICT.

Isam L. Burrow, P. E.

Clarksville Station, J. J. Roberts, H. Puckett, Sup.
Clarksville Circuit, to be supplied (by W. H. Metheny).
Spadra Circuit, H. C. Jolly, C. H. Gregory, Sup.

Ozark Station, J. Loving.

Ozark Circuit, A. C. Ray.

{ Alma and Pleasant Hill, J. W. Bryant.
Clear Creek Mission, to be supplied (by J. J. Henson).

Van Buren Station, R. S. Hunter.

Van Buren Circuit, J. P. Callaway.

Dover Circuit, B. Williams.

YELLVILLE DISTRICT.

James F. Hall, P. E.

Yellville Station, B. L. Ferguson.

Yellville Circuit, J. M. Coker.

Mountain Home Circuit, P. B. Summers, E. C. Jones, Sup.

Big Flat Circuit, to be supplied.

Mountain View, to be supplied (by J. Beasley).

Marshall, J. H. Wade.

Wiley's Cove Station, D. C. Summers.

Bellefonte, to be supplied (by W. A. Dees).

Double Spring, G. P. R. Vanzant.

Carrollton, J. W. Shook.

Lead Hill, to be supplied.

LEWISBURG DISTRICT.

F. M. Paine, P. E.

Lewisburg Station, Jerome Haralson.

Lewisburg and Springfield, W. J. Stone.

Dardanelle Station, O. P. Thomas.

Dardanelle Circuit, J. E. Walker.

Galla Rock, W. J. Dodson.

Point Remove, to be supplied.

Clinton, to be supplied (by J. E. Dunaway).

Quitman, J. A. Peebles.

Mount Vernon, T. A. Graham.

Perryville, L. I. Lasley.

Quitman College, J. A. Peebles, President.

H. W. Abbett transferred to Kentucky Conference.

R. C. Atchley transferred to Little Rock Conference.

R. F. Beasley transferred to North Mississippi Conference.

XXVI.—WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE.

HELD AT HELENA, ARK., December 1-6, 1875.

BISHOP DOGGETT, *President*; JOHN H. DYE, *Secretary*.

QUESTION 1. Who are admitted on trial?

ANSWER. T. W. Morton, R. M. McAllaster, Alonzo C. Griffin, James M. Clark. 4.

Ques. 2. Who remain on trial?

Zachary T. Bennett, Henry E. Robertson, George M. Hill, Albert P. Saffold, James F.

Jernigan, Richard Moon, W. A. Pendergrass, James G. Miller, Frank Ritter, Samuel Bayless, W. H. Paschal, John A. Corbitt, W. C. Malone, M. B. Umstead. 14.

Ques. 3. Who are discontinued?

T. J. Franks, F. M. Munns. 2.

Ques. 4. Who are admitted into full connection?

Thomas P. Hare, John H. Priddy. 2.

Ques. 5. Who are readmitted?

None.

Ques. 6. Who are received by transfer from other Conferences?

Elam A. Stevenson, Clarence J. Nugent, J. H. Priddy. 3.

Ques. 7. Who are the deacons of one year?

J. B. McKamy, D. J. Hare, J. C. Carter, F. M. Petty, J. J. Alexander, T. J. Settles. 6.

Ques. 8. What traveling preachers are elected deacons?

None.

Ques. 9. What traveling preachers are ordained deacons?

None.

Ques. 10. What local preachers are elected deacons?

J. C. Gailey. 1.

Ques. 11. What local preachers are ordained deacons?

None.

Ques. 12. What traveling preachers are elected elders?

James M. Talkington, Stephen D. Evans, Coleman H. Ford. 3.

Ques. 13. What traveling preachers are ordained elders?

James M. Talkington, Stephen D. Evans, Coleman H. Ford. 3.

Ques. 14. What local preachers are elected elders?

None.

Ques. 15. What local preachers are ordained elders?

None.

Ques. 16. Who are located this year?

R. W. Massey, A. H. Woodward. 2.

Ques. 17. Who are supernumerary?

E. T. Jones, M. B. Pearson, T. H. Howard. 3.

Ques. 18. Who are superannuated?

B. Lee, John Rhyne. 2.

Ques. 19. What preachers have died during the past year?

W. T. Noe, J. H. Hall, A. Conley, J. W. Ross, a probationer. 4.

WILLIAM T. NOE was born about the year 1834 or 1835, it is thought, in Kentucky; professed religion about the year 1855; joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in 1856; was licensed to preach in 1857, and admitted on trial into the Arkansas Conference in the autumn of 1864. He was ordained deacon by Bishop Paine, Nov. 13, 1859, and elder by Bishop Pierce, Sept. 30, 1866. We are not in possession of a correct list of appointments filled by Brother Noe. He was twice appointed in charge of District work. In all the appointments he ever filled he gave entire satisfaction so far as his health would allow. Brother Noe was always physically feeble, a

great sufferer through all his labors, but faithful to the end. He died of pneumonia, Nov. 6, 1875, at Forest City, at his own home, at his post, and in the midst of a large circle of most devoted friends, giving the most indubitable evidence that his prospects for heaven were entirely clear. He leaves to our care a wife and five children, in rather a helpless condition, for whom this Conference becomes guardian. In the death of William T. Noe our Conference has lost one of its best preachers, and a man always ready to step forward for the relief of his fellow-man in every department of life.

JOHN H. HALL was born in Williamson co., Tenn., Feb. 7, 1832; removed to Arkansas in 1849. He professed religion in 1850, and joined the Church. He was licensed to preach in the autumn of 1868, and was admitted on trial at Fayetteville, in 1869. In 1871-2 he traveled Fleetwoods Circuit; in 1873, Salem Circuit; in 1874, Evening Shade Circuit. In 1875 he traveled Bennett's River Mission up to the time of his death, which occurred Sept. 26, 1875. His end was peace.

ANDREW CONLEY was born in 1818, in Williamson co., Tenn.; was converted to Christ in early life, and joined the Methodist Church. Brother Conley was admitted on trial in 1845 by the Tennessee Conference. He was appointed to Short Mountain Circuit. In 1847 he was ordained deacon by Bishop Paine. His third year he traveled Swan Mission, and Hopewell Circuit his fourth year, at the close of which he was married to Miss Juliet C. Sale. In 1849 he was ordained elder by Bishop Soule. At the close of his fifth year in the Conference he located. In 1870 he removed to Arkansas, and supplied the Hopefield Mission, employed by the Rev. B. Harris. In 1872 he was readmitted into the White River Conference, held at Augusta. He was appointed to the Marion Circuit, and the two past years, up to his death, he labored on Frenchman's Bayou Circuit, where he had success in his ministry. He was confined to his room for some three months, bearing his afflictions with great patience and resignation. He died in great peace, April 19, 1875.

J. W. ROSS was born in North Carolina. When quite a youth he removed with his father to Randolph co., Ark. He was educated in Arkansas, principally at La Crosse and Batesville. He professed religion and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, on the grounds of doctrine, having been brought up in the Seceder faith. This step was taken at an early age. He was licensed to preach in 1873, in the city of Batesville, Ark., and recommended to the White River Conference for admission. He was admitted and appointed to Marion Circuit, where his labors were greatly blessed. At our last Conference he was appointed to Walnut Bend Station, where he labored with success and satisfac-

tion, to both himself and the people of his charge. But it pleased the Master to remove him from our Communion. His disease was of a most malignant character, which he bore with fortitude. He died Aug. 14, 1875, in great peace.

Ques. 20. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?

Their names were called over, one by one, and their characters examined and passed.

Ques. 21. What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations, and missions of the Conference?

Searcy District.

	White Mem's.	Col'd Mem's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Searcy Station.....	255	.....	2
Searcy Circuit.....	300	.....	4
El Paso Circuit.....	571	.....	8
West Point	260	.....	3
Judsonia Station.....	40	.....	1
Clear Spring Circuit.....	149	.....	1
Grand Glaize.....	172	.....	1
Jacksonport Station	74	.....	1
Jacksonport Circuit.....	165	.....	1
Pleasant Valley.....	162	.....	.....
Richwoods Mission	48	.....	.....
Augusta Station	70	.....	1
De View.....	324	.....	2
Cotton Plant.....	126	.....	3
	2736	.....	28

Helena District.

Helena Station.....	75	1
Helena Circuit.....	141	.....	1
Marvel	163	.....	1
Clarendon.....	162	.....	1
Brinkley	177	.....	1
Marianna.....	36	.....	.....
Palestine Mission.....	122	.....	.....
Laconia.....	39	.....	.....
Forest City Station	187	.....	1
Forest City Circuit.....	142	.....	.....
Trenton Mission	91	.....	.....
	1335	.....	6

Batesville District.

Batesville Station.....	80
Batesville Circuit.....	498	.....	5
Smithville Circuit.....	308	.....	3
Pocahontas and Powhatan	86	.....	.....
Pocahontas Circuit.....	734	.....	7
Walnut Hill Mission	225	.....	5
La Crosse and Evening Shade.....	150	.....	.....
Philadelphia.....	590	.....	11
Evening Shade Circuit	100	.....	.....
Salem	211	.....	5
Bennett's River Mission	170	.....	2
Bethesda	370	.....	.....
Big Creek.....	316	.....	2
	3838	.....	38

Harrisburg District.

Harrisburg	217	1
Wittsburg	300	.....	3
Taylor's Creek.....	302	.....	3
Jonesboro	475	.....	4
Maumelle Mission.....	150	.....	1
Black Oak	57	.....	.....
Greensboro.....	550	.....	5
Gainsville.....	475	.....	5
Oak Bluff.....	396	.....	5
Corning	152	.....	1
Moark Mission.....	200	.....	.....
Walnut Ridge.....	250	.....	1
	3524	.....	30

Mississippi District.

	White Mem's.	Col'd Mem's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Osceola.....	150	.....	2
Chickasawba.....	105	.....	1
Frenchman's Bayou.....	89	.....	1
Tyrongee.....	166	.....	.....
Marion	200	.....	2
Walnut Bend Station.....	12	.....	.....
Walnut Bend Circuit.....	88	.....	.....
	810	.....	6

Recapitulation.

Searcy District.....	2736	2	28
Helena	1335	.....	6
Batesville	3838	1	38
Harrisburg	3524	1	30
Mississippi	810	.....	6
Total this year.....	12,243	4	108
Total last year.....	11,730	5	118
Increase.....	513	.....	.....
Decrease.....		1	10

Ques. 22. How many infants have been baptized during the year?
336.

Ques. 23. How many adults have been baptized during the year?
610.

Ques. 24. What is the number of Sunday-schools?
154.

Ques. 25. What is the number of Sunday-school teachers?
733.

Ques. 26. What is the number of Sunday-school scholars?
5334.

Ques. 27. What amount is necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers?
\$800.

Ques. 28. What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied?

Collected,	\$642 85
Applied as follows:	
W. A. Cobb's children,	100 00
John Cowles's children,	80 00
Sister Carlisle,	125 00
Sister Gillespie,	100 00
Sister Conley,	175 00
John Rhyne,	62 85
	\$642 85

Ques. 29. What has been contributed for missions?

Foreign Missions,	\$250 95
Domestic Missions,	388 48
	\$634 43

Ques. 30. Where shall the next session of the Conference be held?

At Batesville, Independence county, Ark.

Ques. 31. Where are the preachers stationed this year?

SEARCY DISTRICT.

J. W. Boswell, P. E.

Searcy Station, J. H. Dye.
 Searcy Circuit, to be supplied.
 El Paso Circuit, J. M. Talkington.
 Mineral, G. M. Hill.
 Bayou Metoe, to be supplied.
 West Point, J. F. Jernigan, M. B. Pearson, Sup.
 Judsonia, J. M. Clark.
 Grand Glaize, J. B. McKamy.
 Jacksonport Station, G. A. Shaeffer.
 Jacksonport Circuit, M. B. Umstead.
 Big Creek, Thomas Vincent.
 Augusta Station, E. Orgain.

HELENA DISTRICT.

G. A. Dannelly, P. E.

Helena Station, to be supplied.
 Helena Circuit, T. A. Craig.
 Marianna Station, to be supplied.
 Forest City Station, C. J. Nugent.
 Forest City Circuit, A. Davis.
 { Prairie Circuit, W. A. Pendergrass, T. H.
 Howard, Sup.
 { Palestine Mission, T. W. Morton.
 De View, C. H. Ford.
 { Pleasant Valley, D. J. Hare.
 { Richwoods Mission, to be supplied.
 Cotton Plant, M. C. Morris.
 { Clarendon Circuit, W. C. Malone.
 { Trenton Mission, S. D. Evans.
 Laconia, Frank Ritter.
 Helena District High School, C. J. Nugent,
 Principal.

BATESVILLE DISTRICT.

E. A. Garrison, P. E.

Batesville Station, W. B. Littlejohn.
 Batesville Circuit, R. G. Brittain.

Smithville Circuit, to be supplied.
 Pocahontas and Powhatan, Z. T. Bennett.
 Walnut Hill Circuit, J. F. Armstrong.
 Pocahontas Circuit, S. L. Cochran.
 La Crosse and Evening Shade, H. T. Gregory.
 Philadelphia Circuit, B. F. Hall.
 Evening Shade Circuit, to be supplied.
 { Salem Circuit, T. J. Settles.
 Bennett's River Mission, to be supplied.
 Bethesda Circuit, J. J. Alexander.
 Walnut Ridge Circuit, J. C. Carter.
 Corning, J. G. Miller.

JONESBORO DISTRICT.

E. M. Baker, P. E.

Jonesboro Station, A. R. Bennick.
 Jonesboro Circuit, R. M. Moon.
 Harrisburg, T. J. Brickle.
 Wittsburg, E. A. Stevenson.
 Taylor's Creek, T. P. Hare.
 Bayou De View, S. Bayless.
 Greensboro, A. C. Griffin.
 New Hope, A. P. Saffold.
 Black Oak, R. M. McAllaster.
 Gainesville, W. M. Watson.
 Oak Bluff, to be supplied.
 American Bible Society, J. M. Steel, Agent.

MISSISSIPPI DISTRICT.

W. R. Foster, P. E.

Osceola Circuit, F. M. Petty.
 Chickasawba, B. Harris.
 Frenchman's Bayou, J. H. Priddy.
 Marion Circuit, John A. Corbitt.
 Tyronee Circuit, W. H. Paschal.
 Walnut Bend Station, to be supplied.
 Walnut Bend Circuit, W. R. Young.

James Mackey transferred to Little Rock
 Conference.

XXVII.—LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE.

HELD AT MINERAL SPRINGS, ARK., December 8-13, 1875.

BISHOP WIGHTMAN, *President*; S. G. COLBURN, *Secretary*.

QUESTION 1. Who are admitted on trial?

ANSWER. H. Armstrong, W. F. Clark, J. Jenkins, E. Garrette, W. Jones, T. P. Minor, E. M. Whitmore. 7.

Ques. 2. Who remain on trial?

John M. Bradley, B. E. Mitchell, J. D. Whitesides, De Jalma Leake, R. W. Evans, W. H. Vaughn, J. R. Cason, J. W. Preston, A. C. Biggs. 9.

Ques. 3. Who are discontinued?

M. D. Baker. 1.

Ques. 4. Who are admitted into full connection?

W. Wootten, W. J. Rogers, J. W. Haskew, W. C. Dunn, J. McLaughlin. 5.

Ques. 5. Who are readmitted?

None.

Ques. 6. Who are received by transfer from other Conferences?

James Atkins, R. C. Atchley, J. Mackey, Calvin M. Slover. 4.

Ques. 7. Who are the deacons of one year?

W. H. Hagan, Z. T. McCann, S. N. Burns, John McLaughlin. 4.

Ques. 8. What traveling preachers are elected deacons?

W. Wootten, W. J. Rogers, J. W. Haskew, W. C. Dunn. 4.

Ques. 9. What traveling preachers are ordained deacons?

W. Wootten, W. J. Rogers, J. W. Haskew, W. C. Dunn. 4.

Ques. 10. What local preachers are elected deacons?

S. H. Parker, J. W. Bridges, W. F. Newton, R. F. Crow, F. H. Patterson, Benj. McGehee, J. C. Tison, T. P. Minor, O. P. Graves, W. E. Dooley, W. L. Braden, J. M. Miller, T. M. Beaver, W. Shelton. 14.

Ques. 11. What local preachers are ordained deacons?

S. H. Parker, R. F. Crow, F. H. Patterson, B. McGehee, J. C. Tison, T. P. Minor, O. P. Graves, W. E. Dooley. 8.

Ques. 12. What traveling preachers are elected elders?

F. M. Winburn, C. D. McSwain, G. W. Duncan, J. R. Sherwood, H. H. Watson. 5.

Ques. 13. What traveling preachers are ordained elders?

F. M. Winburn, C. D. McSwain, Geo. W. Duncan, J. R. Sherwood, H. H. Watson. 5.

Ques. 14. What local preachers are elected elders?

E. B. Hotchkiss, L. M. Covington. 2.

Ques. 15. What local preachers are ordained elders?

L. M. Covington, A. P. Alexander, R. N. Ross, Geo. W. Logan. 4.

Ques. 16. Who are located this year?

Bascom Ward, J. M. Pirtle. 2.

Ques. 17. Who are supernumerary?

J. Turrentine, R. B. Allston, B. H. Malone. 3.

Ques. 18. Who are superannuated?

A. Avery, T. Hunt, R. F. Colburn, B. Z. Weir, A. W. Simmons, J. Sanford, J. E. Caldwell. 7.

Ques. 19. What preachers have died during the past year?

None.

Ques. 20. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?

Their names were called over, one by one, and their characters examined and passed?

Ques. 21. What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations, and missions of the Conference?

Little Rock District.

	White Mem's.	Col'd Mem's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Little Rock:			
Second Street Station.....	187		1
Spring Street.....	116		1
Mineral Circuit.....	410		4
Bayou Metoe.....	210		2
Lonoke Station.....	80		2
Richwoods Circuit.....			
Austin Circuit.....	338		3
Hickory Plains.....	320		3
Collegeville.....	328		4
Maumelle.....	250		5
De Witt.....	325		2
White River.....	339		6
	2903		33

Pine Bluff District.

Pine Bluff Station.....	161		
Plum Bayou.....	201		3
Swan Lake.....			
Auburn.....	150		
Red Fork.....			
Sulphur Springs.....	425		4
Lehi.....			
	937		7

Camden District.

Camden Station.....	145		
Camden Circuit.....	293		2
Ouachita.....	331		2
Lisbon.....	180		3
El Dorado.....	544		6
Magnolia.....	425		2
Lewisville.....	250		
Falcon.....	321		2
Hampton.....			
	2489		17

Arkadelphia District.

Arkadelphia.....	233		1
Clark Circuit.....	520		5
Murfreesboro.....	136		3
Amity.....	248		4
Mount Ida.....	210		7
Hot Springs Station.....	80		2
Hot Springs Circuit.....	80		2
Rockport Circuit.....	312		4
Tulip Circuit.....	362		1
Princeton Circuit.....	535		3
Benton Circuit.....	320		3
	3036		35

Washington District.

Washington and Hope.....	90		1
Moscow Circuit.....	357		4
Mineral Springs Circuit.....	291		4
Center Point Circuit.....	550		3
Locksburg Circuit.....	340		4
Richmond Circuit.....	145		2
Dallas Circuit.....	400		10
Rondo Circuit.....	286		1
Bright Star Circuit.....	251		3
Centerville Circuit.....	73		
	2783		32

Monticello District.

Monticello Station.....	184		1
Mount Pleasant Circuit.....	347		6
Selma Circuit.....	225		2
Lacey Circuit.....	346		2
Hamburg Station.....	84		
Hamburg Circuit.....	193		1
Bartholomew Circuit.....	165		2
Eudora Circuit.....	150		1
Holly Grove Circuit.....			
Palestine.....	250		5

Monticello District (continued).

	White Mem's.	Col'd Mem's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Warren Circuit.....	271	.....	4
New Edinburgh.....	180	.....	2
Arkansas City Circuit.....	62	.....	2
	2457	.....	28

Recapitulation.

Little Rock District.....	2903	.....	33
Pine Bluff ".....	973	.....	7
Camden ".....	2489	.....	17
Arkadelphia ".....	3036	.....	35
Washington ".....	2783	.....	32
Monticello ".....	2457	.....	28
Total this year.....	14,641	.....	152
Total last year.....	15,628	.....	163
Decrease.....	987	.....	11

Ques. 22. How many infants have been baptized during the year?
383.

Ques. 23. How many adults have been baptized during the year?
541.

Ques. 24. What is the number of Sunday-schools?
203.

Ques. 25. What is the number of Sunday-school teachers?
957.

Ques. 26. What is the number of Sunday-school scholars?
7141.

Ques. 27. What amount is necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers?
\$1,735.

Ques. 28. What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied?

Collected,	\$1,426 70
Applied as follows:	
J. E. Caldwell,	202 50
Mrs. Husbands,	111 05
A. W. Simmons,	100 00
Son of Bond,	30 00
J. Sanford,	50 00
Mrs. Stanley,	75 00
Mrs. Eakin,	100 00
Daughter of Owens,	25 00
Mrs. Ratcliff,	60 00
Mrs. Marshall,	80 50
B. C. Weir,	50 00
A. Avery,	120 00
Daughter of Brown,	25 00
Mrs. Winburn,	60 00
— Hunt,	60 00
R. F. Colburn,	120 00
Daughter of McKenzie,	30 00
Mrs. Dorris,	120 00

\$1,419 05

Ques. 29. What has been contributed for missions?
\$1,734 95.

Ques. 30. Where shall the next session of the Conference be held?

At Arkadelphia, Ark.

Ques. 31. Where are the preachers stationed this year?

LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT.

A. Hunter, P. E.

Little Rock:

Second Street, to be supplied.
Spring Street, A. Monk.
Collegeville, C. M. Slover.
Maumelle, B. E. Mitchell.
Little Rock Circuit, S. N. Burns.
Richwoods, D. Leake.
Lonoke, H. H. Watson.
Austin, J. McLaughlin.
Hickory Plains, T. H. Ware, B. H. Malone, Sup.
Carlisle, H. Armstrong.
White River, W. J. Rogers.
De Witt, R. H. Sanders, one to be supplied.
Arkansas Female College, L. M. Lewis, President; A. R. Winfield, Agent.

PINE BLUFF DISTRICT.

W. H. Browning, P. E.

Pine Bluff, H. Jewell.
Plum Bayou, C. C. Godden.
Auburn, W. J. Davis.
Swan Lake, W. H. Hagan.
Red Fork, to be supplied (by L. B. Hawley).
Lehi, J. P. Holmes, J. M. Bradley.
Sulphur Springs, J. Anderson, W. Jones.

ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT.

C. Pope, P. E.

Arkadelphia, C. F. Evans.
Clark, A. B. Winfield.
Tulip, G. Hare.
Princeton, R. C. Atchley.
Benton, H. Townsend, J. M. Cline.
Rockport, D. T. Holmes.
Hot Springs Station, S. G. Colburn.
Hot Springs Circuit, W. F. Clark.
Mount Ida, E. M. Whitmore.
Amity, J. C. Rhodes.
Murfreesboro, W. J. Scott.

CAMDEN DISTRICT.

E. N. Watson, P. E.

Camden, J. Mackey, R. B. Allston, Sup.
Camden Circuit, J. R. Sherwood.
Ouachita, J. M. C. Douglas.
Falcon, E. L. Gaddy.
Louisville, W. Wooten.
Magnolia, J. R. Parker, J. Turrentine, Sup.
El Dorado, F. D. Vanvalkenburg.
Lapeal, A. C. Biggs.
Hampton, J. R. Cason.

MONTICELLO DISTRICT.

J. R. Harvey, P. E.

Monticello, J. F. Carr.

Mount Pleasant, D. H. Linebaugh.
Selma, J. A. Clower.
Lacy, G. W. Duncan.
Palestine, E. Garrett.
New Edinburgh, W. C. Dunn.
Warren, H. D. McKinnon.
Hamburg, J. H. Blakely.
Bartholomew, A. D. Jenkins, J. Jenkins.
Eudora, J. H. Haskew.
{ Arkansas and Chicot, J. Pryor.
{ Holly Grove, Z. T. McCann.
Luna and Lake Village, W. H. Vaughn.
Selma High School, J. H. Riffin, Principal.

WASHINGTON DISTRICT.

B. G. Johnson, P. E.

Washington, C. D. McSwain.

Hope, C. O. Steele.
Prescott, F. M. Winburn.
Centerville, R. W. Evans.
Mineral Springs, G. W. Matthews.
Center Point, to be supplied (by A. Biggs).
Locksburg, J. G. Ward.
Ultima Thule, to be supplied (by W. A. Wilson).
Dallas, J. D. Whitesides.
Richmond, W. R. Gardner.
Rondo, T. P. Minor.
Bright Star, P. W. Preston.
Mineral Springs High School, T. W. Hays, President.

H. B. Frazee transferred to Florida Conference.

L. D. Webb transferred to White River Conference.

XXVIII.—NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

HELD AT PARIS, TEXAS, November 3-8, 1875.

BISHOP PIERCE, *President*; W. A. SHOOK, *Secretary*.

QUESTION 1. Who are admitted on trial?

ANSWER. Howell R. Hughes, Reuben G. Sewell, Wm. R. Manning, John H. White, Enoch P. Chisholm, Isaac S. Ashburn. 6.

Ques. 2. Who remain on trial?

James W. Hill, Henry B. Swafford, John R. Crowder, Hardy W. Hawkins. 4.

Ques. 3. Who are discontinued?

J. J. Coppedge. 1.

Ques. 4. Who are admitted into full connection?

Wm. W. Horner, Marcellus W. Shearer, La Fayette P. Smith, John M. Langston, John B. Smith, John Beverly. 6.

Ques. 5. Who are readmitted?

None.

Ques. 6. Who are received by transfer from other Conferences?

W. D. Shea, J. R. Allen, W. A. Edwards, B. H. Bounds, L. Parker. 5.

Ques. 7. Who are the deacons of one year?

L. M. White, D. F. Fuller, E. S. Boyd, J. F. Sherwood, T. J. Milam, E. B. Featherston, W. C. Blair, W. K. Duff. 8.

Ques. 8. What traveling preachers are elected deacons?

W. W. Horner, M. W. Shearer, L. P. Smith, J. M. Langston, J. B. Smith. 5.

Ques. 9. What traveling preachers are ordained deacons?

W. W. Horner, M. W. Shearer, L. P. Smith, J. M. Langston, J. B. Smith. 5.

Ques. 10. What local preachers are elected deacons?

Thos. Gafford, W. R. Manning, Wm. R. Lay. 3.

Ques. 11. What local preachers are ordained deacons?

Thos. Gafford, W. R. Manning, Wm. R. Lay. 3.

Ques. 12. What traveling preachers are elected elders?

Joel Osgood, Daniel J. Martin, James McDugald, Richmond N. Brown. 4.

Ques. 13. What traveling preachers are ordained elders?

Joel Osgood, Daniel J. Martin, James McDugald, Richmond N. Brown. 4.

Ques. 14. What local preachers are elected elders?

None.

Ques. 15. What local preachers are ordained elders?

None.

Ques. 16. Who are located this year?

Joseph Parker. 1.

Ques. 17. Who are supernumerary?

J. L. Terry, W. A. Shook, J. W. Stevenson, J. C. Randall, W. E. Bates, I. N. Cravens, S. Armstrong, J. H. Lowe, B. J. Baldwin. 9.

Ques. 18. Who are superannuated?

J. M. Baker, Richard Lane, E. Couch, J. W. P. McKenzie, A. R. Dickson, J. B. Rabb, A. Cumming, John W. Field. 8.

Ques. 19. What preachers have died during the past year?

Francis M. Harrell. 1.

FRANCIS M. HARRELL was, as we believe, born in Tennessee. He emigrated to Texas with his father and family when he was about ten years of age; grew up to manhood in this country. Near the beginning of the late war he entered the army of the Confederate States, became afflicted with rheumatism, and was confined in the hospital at Fort Smith, Ark., during which time he was converted. Being unable for service, he was discharged and came home. In 1863 he was licensed to preach; in 1871 he was admitted into the traveling connection; and was appointed to the Robinsville Circuit, which he served two years. He was appointed to the Cooper Mission in 1873, and returned to the same work in 1874. He filled his appointments with general satisfaction. He was zealous and useful, ardent in his attachment to the Church, devotional in his habits, and firm in his friendship. He died at Charleston, Della co., Texas, on the 17th day of September, 1875. His career was short—admonishing us that in the midst of life we are in death. His end, we trust, was peace.

Ques. 20. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?

Their names were called over, one by one, and their characters examined and passed.

Ques. 21. What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations, and missions of the Conference?

Dallas District.

	White Mem's.	Col'd Mem's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Dallas Station.....	295	.....	7
Dallas Circuit.....	450	.....	4
Dallas City Mission.....	120	.....	2
Denton Circuit.....	490	.....	5
Trinity Circuit.....	554	.....	7
McKinney Circuit.....	486	.....	6
Grape-vine Circuit.....	536	.....	3
Bethel Circuit.....	460	.....	9
Decatur Circuit.....	251	.....	4
	3642	.....	47

Sherman District.

Whitesboro Circuit.....	505	.....	8
Pilot Grove Circuit.....	330	.....	3
Maryville Circuit.....	380	.....	2
Montague Mission.....	500	.....	2
Pilot Point Circuit.....	289	.....	3
Pilot Point Station.....	223	.....	3
Sherman Circuit.....	277	.....	3
Savoy Circuit.....	417	.....	4
Gainesville Circuit.....	435	.....	5
Gainesville Station.....	129	.....	3
Sherman Station.....	195	.....	6
Bonham.....	329	.....	5
	4009	.....	46

Jefferson District.

	White Mem's.	Col'd Mem's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Coffeetown Circuit.....	350	.....	4
Linden Circuit.....	411	.....	4
Wheatville Mission.....	59	.....	2
Kellyville Circuit.....	281	.....	.....
Gilmer Circuit.....	174	.....	1
Longview Circuit.....	400	.....	7
Mount Pleasant Circuit.....	370	.....	5
Jefferson Station.....	219	.....	4
Dangerfield Circuit.....	340	.....	1
Soda Lake Circuit.....	200	.....	1
Atlanta Circuit.....	168	.....	2
	2972	.....	31

Paris District.

Coopee Mission.....	300	.....	7
Robinsville Circuit.....	503	.....	3
Boston Circuit.....	343	.....	2
Clarksville Circuit.....	346	.....	5
Paris Station.....	240	.....	2
Roxton Circuit.....	348	.....	3
Sylvan Circuit.....	416	.....	4
Honey Grove Circuit.....	244	.....	1
Dodd City Circuit.....	284	.....	1
Ladonia.....	298	.....	3
	3322	.....	31

Kaufman District.

Wells's Point Circuit.....	230	.....	4
Farmersville Circuit.....	349	.....	4
Garden Valley Circuit.....	170	.....	4
Edom Circuit.....	175	.....	1
Pleasant Grove Circuit.....	200	.....	2
Gray's Prairie Mission.....	119	.....	.....
Canton Circuit.....	311	.....	3
Rockwall Circuit.....	414	.....	6
Kaufman Circuit.....	400	.....	5
	2398	.....	29

Sulphur Springs District.

Sulphur Springs Circuit.....	417	.....	.....
Oakland Circuit.....	190	.....	9
Winnsboro Circuit.....	294	.....	2
Lone Oak Circuit.....	423	.....	5
Emory Mission.....	93	.....	1
Pittsburgh Circuit.....	390	.....	6
Sulphur Bluff Circuit.....	215	.....	2
Sulphur Springs Station.....	193	.....	3
Greenville.....	433	.....	7
	2648	.....	35

Recapitulation.

Dallas District.....	3642	.....	47
Sherman ".....	4009	.....	46
Jefferson ".....	2972	.....	31
Paris ".....	3322	.....	31
Kaufman ".....	2398	.....	29
Sulphur Springs ".....	2648	.....	35
Total this year.....	18,991	.....	219
Total last year.....	18,229	.....	188
Increase.....	762	.....	31

Ques. 22. How many infants have been baptized during the year?
590.

Ques. 23. How many adults have been baptized during the year?
1060.

Ques. 24. What is the number of Sunday-schools?
125.

Ques. 25. What is the number of Sunday-school teachers?

670.

Ques. 26. What is the number of Sunday-school scholars?

5938.

Ques. 27. What amount is necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers?

\$2,000.

Ques. 28. What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied?

\$1,181 76.

Ques. 29. What has been contributed for missions?

\$2,989 55.

Ques. 30. Where shall the next session of the Conference be held?

At Longview, Texas.

Ques. 31. Where are the preachers stationed this year?

JEFFERSON DISTRICT.

J. C. Smith, P. E.

Jefferson, W. C. Haislip.
Soda Lake, J. M. Langston.
Atlanta, T. J. Milam.
Linden, S. J. Hawkins.
Kellyville, J. J. Davis.
Dangerfield, B. H. Bounds.
Mount Pleasant, C. E. Lamb.
Gilmer, H. B. Swafford.
Longview, D. F. Fuller, J. L. Terry, Sup.
Coffeeville, W. K. Duff.

SULPHUR SPRINGS DISTRICT.

T. E. Sherwood, P. E.

Sulphur Springs, T. M. Smith, W. A. Shook, Sup.
Sulphur Springs Circuit, W. A. Edwards.
Sulphur Bluff, L. F. Palmer, J. H. Lowe, Sup.
Oakland, E. S. Boyd.
Greenville, J. Osgood.
White Rock, W. P. Reid.
Lone Oak, J. F. Sherwood, J. C. Randall, Sup.
Winnsboro, C. J. Cocke.
Pittsburgh, R. P. Thompson, J. M. Stevenson, Sup.
Minneola Mission, to be supplied (by S. W. Jones).

TERRELL DISTRICT.

L. P. Lively, P. E.

Kaufman, R. M. Powers.
Rockwall, A. C. Allen.
Farmersville, W. C. Blair.
Pleasant Grove, J. L. Angell.
Forney Mission, W. W. Horner.
Wells's Point, M. C. Simpson.
Canton, A. H. Brewer.
Garden Valley, E. T. Bates, E. P. Chisholm.
Silver Lake Mission, to be supplied.

PARIS DISTRICT.

J. H. McLean, P. E.

Paris, M. C. Blackburn.
Roxton, J. Graham, B. J. Baldwin, Sup.
Honey Grove, J. W. Piner.
Dodd City, D. T. Lake.
Ladonia, G. S. Gatewood.
Cooper, L. P. Smith.
Sylvan, L. B. Ellis.
Robinsville, D. M. Proctor.
Clarksville, A. C. McDougal.
Clarksville Circuit, J. C. Weaver.
Boston, R. N. Brown.
Texarkana Mission, R. G. Sewell.

DALLAS DISTRICT.

W. F. Easterling, P. E.

Dallas, M. H. Neely, S. Armstrong, Sup.
Dallas City Mission, J. R. Allen.
Dallas Circuit, M. H. Cullum.
Plano and McKinney, D. J. Martin.
Seyene, J. H. White.
Trinity, J. S. Ashburn.
Bethel, J. Beverly.
Van Alstyne, J. McDugald.
Grape-vine, L. M. White.
Grape-vine Springs Mission, W. R. Manning.

SHERMAN DISTRICT.

J. W. Chalk, P. E.

Sherman, J. M. Binkley.
Denison, L. Parker.
Savoy, to be supplied (by J. G. Worley).
Pilot Grove, M. W. Shearer.
Bonham, D. P. Haggard.
Whitesboro, W. M. Robins, I. N. Cravens, Sup.
Dexter, J. R. Crowder.
Gainesville Circuit, J. B. Smith.
Pilot Point, W. D. Shea.
Pilot Point Mission, J. W. Hill, W. E. Bates, Sup.
Sherman High School, J. M. Binkley, Agent.

GAINESVILLE DISTRICT.

W. H. Moss, P. E.

Gainesville, E. B. Featherston.
Maryville, T. B. Norwood.
Montague, S. S. Cobb.
Henrietta Mission, to be supplied (by R. M. Harris).
Decatur, H. R. Hughes.
Elizabethtown Mission, H. W. Hawkins.
Denton, W. S. May.
Sunday-school Agent, W. P. Petty.

J. F. Denton transferred to West Texas Conference.

I. P. Stanfield transferred to North-west Texas Conference.

M. T. Leach transferred to North Alabama Conference.

XXIX.—EAST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

HELD AT CARTHAGE, TEXAS, November 24-28, 1875.

BISHOP PIERCE, *President*; STEPHEN W. TURNER, *Secretary*.

QUESTION 1. Who are admitted on trial?

ANSWER. James F. Henderson, Caleb H. Smith, J. T. Smith, G. D. Wilson, James R. D. Taylor, Pinckney J. Waldrup, Evander M. Sweet, W. C. Walker, James B. Hall, Littleton L. Fowler. 10.

Ques. 2. Who remain on trial?

Napoleon T. Burks, Milton H. Jones. 2.

Ques. 3. Who are discontinued?

Edward T. Brashear. 1.

Ques. 4. Who are admitted into full connection?

Stephen W. Turner, James M. Mills. 2.

Ques. 5. Who are readmitted?

None.

Ques. 6. Who are received by transfer from other Conferences?

A. M. Box, L. Patterson. 2.

Ques. 7. Who are the deacons of one year?

J. L. M. Blanton, B. A. Thompson, James N. Bridges, W. A. Moore. 4.

Ques. 8. What traveling preachers are elected deacons?

James M. Mills. 1.

Ques. 9. What traveling preachers are ordained deacons?

James M. Mills. 1.

Ques. 10. What local preachers are elected deacons?

B. F. Blount, Francis A. Smith, Lorenzo D. Fulton, Albert F. Nash. 4.

Ques. 11. What local preachers are ordained deacons?

Francis A. Smith. 1.

Ques. 12. What traveling preachers are elected elders?

James R. Wages, James M. Bond. 2.

Ques. 13. What traveling preachers are ordained elders?

James R. Wages, James M. Bond. 2.

Ques. 14. What local preachers are elected elders?

Amos Raulingson, J. Westmoreland. 2.

Ques. 15. What local preachers are ordained elders?

Amos Raulingson, J. Westmoreland. 2.

Ques. 16. Who are located this year?

W. H. Willey, G. W. Berry. 2.

Ques. 17. Who are supernumerary?

J. R. Middleton, S. K. Stovall, W. N. Bonner, I. W. Overall. 4.

Ques. 18. Who are superannuated?

J. B. Tullis, Neil Brown. 2.

Ques. 19. What preachers have died during the past year?

None.

Ques. 20. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?

Their names were called over, one by one, and their characters examined and passed.

Ques. 21. What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations, and missions of the Conference?

Marshall District.

	White Mem's.	Col'd Mem's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Marshall Station.....	185	.....	5
Harrison Circuit.....	240	.....	2
Elysian Fields.....	323	.....	1
Hallville Circuit.....	96	.....	1
Henderson and Belleview Circuit.....	465	.....	5
Starrville Circuit.....	676	.....	6
Knoxville Circuit.....	410	.....	4
	2395		24

Palestine District.

Palestine Station.....	121	.....	3
Kickapoo Circuit.....	203	.....	2
Tyler Circuit.....	199	.....	2
Tyler Station.....	123	.....	.....
Athens Circuit.....	407	.....	3
Rusk Circuit.....	484	.....	5
Jacksonville Circuit.....	436	.....	4
	1973		19

San Augustin District.

San Augustin Circuit.....	233	.....	3
Carthage Circuit.....	901	.....	4
Mount Enterprise Circuit.....	490	.....	5
Shelby Circuit.....	465	.....	6
Melrose Circuit.....	367	.....	3
Lynn Flat Circuit.....	371	.....	5
Loco Mission.....	50	.....	3
Milam Circuit.....	244	.....	1
Buena Vista Circuit.....	413	.....	2
	3534		32

Crockett District.

Crockett Station.....	103	.....	2
Crockett Circuit.....	365	.....	1
Palestine Circuit.....	293	.....	6
Neches Circuit.....	290	.....	5
Pennington Circuit.....	83	.....	1
Moscow Circuit.....	228	.....	3
Homer Circuit.....	316	.....	7
Shook's Bluff Circuit.....	76	.....	1
	1754		26

Beaumont District.

	White Mem's.	Col'd Mem's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Beaumont and Orange Circuit.....	96	.....	.....
Liberty Circuit.....	90	.....	1
Village Creek.....	60	.....	.....
Woodville Circuit.....	300	.....	2
Jasper Circuit.....	375	.....	3
Newton Circuit.....	443	.....	6
Wolf Creek Circuit.....	143	.....	3
Orange Mission.....	60	.....	.....
	1567		15

Recapitulation.

Marshall District.....	2395	.....	24
Palestine ".....	1973	.....	19
San Augustin ".....	3534	.....	32
Crockett ".....	1754	.....	26
Beaumont ".....	1567	.....	15
Total this year.....	11,223		116
Total last year.....	10,970	101	106
Increase.....	253		10
Decrease.....		101	

Ques. 22. How many infants have been baptized during the year?

494.

Ques. 23. How many adults have been baptized during the year?

769.

Ques. 24. What is the number of Sunday-schools?

97.

Ques. 25. What is the number of Sunday-school teachers?

475.

Ques. 26. What is the number of Sunday-school scholars?

3745.

Ques. 27. What amount is necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers?

\$1,200.

Ques. 28. What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied?

Collected, \$750 40. Applied to claimants.

Ques. 29. What has been contributed for missions?

\$1,730 40.

Ques. 30. Where shall the next session of the Conference be held?

At Henderson, Texas.

Ques. 31. Where are the preachers stationed this year?

MARSHALL DISTRICT.

R. S. Finley, P. E.

Marshall, R. W. Thompson.

Harrison, A. M. Box.

Hallville, L. Boone.

Elysian Fields, L. C. Crouse, J. R. Middleton, Sup.

Henderson and Overton, J. S. Mathis.

Bellevue, J. B. Hall.

Starrville, H. M. Booth.

Troup, E. P. Rogers, S. K. Stovall, Sup.

Tyler Circuit, to be supplied (by A. Little).

Larissa, J. M. Blanton.

American Bible Society, D. Morse, Agent.

Sunday-school Agent, D. M. Stovall.

PALESTINE DISTRICT.

John Adams, P. E.

Palestine and Nechesville, E. F. Boone.

Kickapoo, Samuel Weaver, W. A. Moore.

Athens, C. H. Smith.

Trinity Mission, to be supplied (by E. B. Zothery).

Tyler, S. W. Turner.

Rusk and Jacksonville, J. W. Johnson.

Cherokee, J. F. Henderson.

Palestine Circuit, J. M. Bond.

Crockett and Augusta, D. P. Cullen.

Crockett Circuit, one to be supplied (by W. N. Bonner).

Pennington, J. C. Woolam.

SAN AUGUSTIN DISTRICT.

J. R. Bellamy, P. E.

San Augustin, L. Patterson.

Milam, L. M. Fowler.

Shelby, J. M. Mills.

Buena Vista, J. R. Wages.

Mount Enterprise, M. Donnegan.

Douglass Mission, J. T. Smith.

Melrose, J. N. Bridges.

Lynn Flat, D. S. Watkins, I. W. Overall, Sup.

Shook's Bluff, to be supplied (by W. D. Lewis).

Homer, R. Menifee.

Carthage, Bethlehem, and Clayton, J. C. A. Bridges.

Carthage Circuit, B. A. Thompson.

BEAUMONT DISTRICT.

E. L. Armstrong, P. E.

Beaumont, P. J. Waldrup.

Orange, G. D. Wilson.

Liberty, J. R. D. Taylor, W. C. Walker.

Hardin Mission, R. M. Kirby.

Woodville, M. H. Jones.

Moscow, one to be supplied (by W. H. Ardissy).

Wolf Creek, to be supplied (by B. W. Powell).

Jasper, R. C. Armstrong.

Newton, F. M. Stovall.

Beaumont District School, E. M. Sucet, Principal.

South-western University, N. T. Burks, Professor.

Samuel Morris transferred to North-west Texas Conference.

Joshua A. Miller transferred to Louisville Conference.

XXX.—TEXAS CONFERENCE.

HELD AT BRENHAM, TEXAS, *December 8-13, 1875.*BISHOP PIERCE, *President*; H. V. PHILPOTT, *Secretary*.

QUESTION 1. Who are admitted on trial?

ANSWER. J. Norwood, O. T. Hotchkiss. 2.

Ques. 2. Who remain on trial?

Thomas R. Curtis, George H. Phair, Charles Chanquist. 3.

Ques. 3. Who are discontinued?

None.

Ques. 4. Who are admitted into full connection?

Robert T. Nabors, Jonathan Burford, Richard W. Kavanaugh, Alex. G. Beaumont. 4.

Ques. 5. Who are readmitted?

George D. Parker. 1.

Ques. 6. Who are received by transfer from other Conferences?

P. B. Saffold, S. L. Williams, on trial. 2.

Ques. 7. Who are the deacons of one year?

Samuel H. Brown, Daniel Morgan. 2.

Ques. 8. What traveling preachers are elected deacons?

None.

Ques. 9. What traveling preachers are ordained deacons?

None.

Ques. 10. What local preachers are elected deacons?

Moore T. Sealy, Robert L. Brooks. 2.

Ques. 11. What local preachers are ordained deacons?

Moore T. Sealy, Robert L. Brooks. 2.

Ques. 12. What traveling preachers are elected elders?

Mellville C. Field, Joseph L. Lemons, John T. Williamson. 3.

Ques. 13. What traveling preachers are ordained elders?

Mellville C. Field, Joseph L. Lemons, John T. Williamson. 3.

Ques. 14. What local preachers are elected elders?

John M. Whipple. 1.

Ques. 15. What local preachers are ordained elders?

None.

Ques. 16. Who are located this year?

M. G. Jenkins, N. A. Duckett. 2.

Ques. 17. Who are supernumerary?

B. T. Kavanaugh, J. Matthews, Seaborn J. Graves, A. W. Smith. 4.

Ques. 18. Who are superannuated?

J. M. Turner, J. G. Johnson, T. W. Blake, J. H. Davidson, A. B. F. Kerr, W. C. Lewis, Alex. Hinkle, Charles J. Lane. 8.

Ques. 19. What preachers have died during the past year?

A. G. Stacy, J. A. Light. 2.

AARON G. STACY, son of the Rev. Jeremiah Stacy, was born near Morganton, Burk co., N. C., Nov. 15, 1822, and died of rheumatism of the brain, in Austin, Texas, April 8, 1875. He joined the Church Jan. 1, 1836, and was converted at Nebo Camp-ground, Sunday night, July 29, 1839. He had in early life only the imperfect opportunities of education offered in the "old field school" of the neighborhood. But in his twenty-second year, feeling it his duty to preach, he entered the Conference-school at Cokesbury, S. C., spending about two years in study. He was licensed to preach September, 1844, and in 1847 entered the traveling connection in the South Carolina Conference. He was engaged in the pastoral work until the year 1863, when he was elected President of Davenport Female College, N. C. From that time, with occasional intermission, he was connected with the educational interests of the Church until his death. He was early impressed with the conviction that he would be a preacher. His call to the ministry became distinct and imperative as he approached manhood, and from that time he applied himself wholly to that one thing, and drew all his cares and studies that way. He was a lover of books, and combined with aptitude for study untiring application and great energy. He successfully surmounted the difficulties attending early deficiencies in education, and became a pure and attractive writer, a clear, forcible, and eloquent preacher, and a successful teacher. Well instructed in childhood in Bible doctrine, diligent in reading the Scriptures, constant in prayer and meditation, his experiences in grace were vivid, his faith strong, his joy abundant, his peace constant, his hopes bright. In August, 1870, he wrote: "Unless I am mistaken, since 1843 I have had the satisfactory evidence that I was a child of God; my peace has been constant." His entries in his "Birthday Reflections," from year to year, reveal but one anxiety, and that was to be wholly devoted to

God, and to "possess all the mind that was in Christ." Naturally amiable, the sanctifying influences of grace rendered him loving, gentle, and forgiving. He remembered his vows, and was "never idle, never unemployed, never triflingly employed." He was careful and painstaking to the last degree; whatever he attempted he tried to do well and thoroughly. He was a faithful and hospitable friend, and the piety and good conduct of his children attest his parental devotion. He loved Methodism, and was jealous for her honor and economy, doctrine and usages, and was a safe counselor in matters involving Church management or discipline. As the author of "The Service of Song," he has left an enduring and attractive memorial of his industry, scholarship, and piety. On his last birthday he wrote: "O Lord! I once more, and without reserve, give thee soul and body, time and talent, wife and children, to be totally thine—thine now, thine forever! Amen." His last illness was sudden, sharp, and brief. Not long before death he exclaimed, "I feel like shouting! Nearing the celestial city!" And afterward, "Lord, bless these people!" and then gently "fell on sleep." "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord."

JAMES A. LIGHT was the son of the venerable George C. Light, of blessed memory, who finished a bright and useful life of half a century in the Mississippi Conference. On the maternal side James A. Light was descended also from one who was indeed a mother in Israel, and who left to her family and the Church the satisfactory evidence of a Christian walk in life and a triumphant death-bed experience. And the subject of this memoir fulfilled faithfully the promise which a descent from such noble parentage gave to the Church, by useful achievements in the same field where the father had toiled so successfully, and for which the mother had aided largely in preparing him by faithful prayer and counsel. He was converted while yet young, and was early impressed with the conviction that he ought to preach. His father gave him a medical education. He graduated in that science, and commenced the practice thereof with flattering prospects; but the divine call to higher, nobler, holier things pressed upon him. He yielded, not daring to disobey the heavenly calling, and consecrated himself and all that he had to the glorious work. This vow he never forgot. Our brother entered the Missouri Conference in 1848, and was with his father transferred to the Mississippi Conference in 1850. He was ordained deacon in 1850, and elder in 1852, and transferred from the Mississippi to the Texas Conference in 1859, and labored in its bounds, as appointed by the Bishop, on the following works—viz.: Seguin, San Felipe, Ruttersville, then, Richmond again, Danville, Waverly, and Cold Spring. In 1874 he was appointed to Zion Circuit in the Huntsville District, but his health had become so feeble that he could

not serve the work on account of the distance from his home. His Presiding Elder changed him to Willis, where his home was, hoping that his health would improve, and that he would be able to do some work in his much-loved field of labor. But his work was nearly done; his affliction, instead of abating, increased. For over a year he suffered immensely from a combination of asthma and dropsy of the body, but no murmur or complaint ever escaped from his lips, for notwithstanding the great physical pain he endured he was enabled by the grace of God to keep his mind and heart in peace. Sister Light writes that he often rejoiced in a sense of the sustaining power of divine grace. God honored him with his gracious presence in the hour of his greatest need, his faithful servant who through a long period of health had found his great joy in preaching Christ, the hope of a dying world, and who never suffered considerations of personal ease, or comfort, or gain, to influence him in the work to which in his young manhood he had consecrated himself. Dr. Light's friends, thinking that a change of residence might be beneficial to his health, removed him, some months before his death, to the residence of a relative of Sister Light in Lavacca county. But the good results so fondly hoped for to his bodily health did not follow. He departed this life in the triumphs of a Christian's faith and hope, in May, 1875.

Ques. 20. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?

Their names were called over, one by one, and their characters examined and passed.

Ques. 21. What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations, and missions of the Conference?

Galveston District.

	White Mem's.	Col'd Mem's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Galveston:			
St. John's	421	.....	1
St. James's	182	.....	.....
Bay Mission	93	.....	1
Shearn Church	213	.....	2
Washington Street	50	.....	.....
Houston Circuit	77	.....	.....
Columbia and Brazoria	75	.....	1
Velasco	112	.....	1
Matagorda	164	.....	3
	1387		5

Austin District.

Austin Station	310	.....	7
Walnut Mission	28	.....	.....
Austin Circuit	195	.....	1
McDade Circuit	194	.....	2
Bastrop and Hill's Prairie	66	.....	1
Oso Circuit	209	.....	3
Giddings Circuit	133	.....	1
Cedar Creek .....	.....	.....	.....
La Grange Station	60	.....	1
Navidad Circuit	114	.....	.....
Columbus	215	.....	1
Swede Mission	84	.....	.....
	1608		17

Chappell Hill District.

	White Mem's.	Col'd Mem's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Chappell Hill.....	175	.....	2
Brenham.....	148	.....	2
Independence.....	84	.....	1
Belle ville.....	184	.....	1
San Felipe.....	182	.....	1
Burton.....	125	.....	.....
Caldwell.....	236	.....	5
Lexington.....	158	.....	1
Birch Creek Mission.....	124	.....	2
Hempstead.....	202	.....	6
Richmond and Eagle Lake Mission.....	82	.....	.....
	1700	.....	21

Huntsville District.

Madisonville.....	249	.....	2
Willis.....	144	.....	1
Zion.....	260	.....	2
Prairie Plains.....	200	.....	1
Bryan Circuit.....	288	.....	1
Courtney and Plantersville Circuit.....	141	.....	1
Anderson.....	108	.....	2
Bryan Station.....	265	.....	1
Huntsville Station.....	124	.....	.....
Cold Springs.....	147	.....	1
Huntsville Circuit.....	115	.....	.....
	2041	.....	12

Recapitulation.

Galveston District.....	1387	.....	9
Austin.....	1608	.....	17
Chappell Hill.....	1700	.....	21
Huntsville.....	2041	.....	12
Total this year.....	6736	.....	59
Total last year.....	6721	250	76
Increase.....	15	.....	.....
Decrease.....	.....	250	17

Ques. 22. How many infants have been baptized during the year?
458.

Ques. 23. How many adults have been baptized during the year?
246.

Ques. 24. What is the number of Sunday-schools?
45?

Ques. 25. What is the number of Sunday-school teachers?
360.

Ques. 26. What is the number of Sunday-school scholars?
2741.

Ques. 27. What amount is necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers?
\$1,000.

Ques. 28. What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied?

Collected, \$797 87. Applied to claimants.

Ques. 29. What has been contributed for missions?
\$2,724 50.

Ques. 30. Where shall the next session of the Conference be held?
At Huntsville, Texas.

Ques. 31. Where are the preachers stationed this year?

GALVESTON DISTRICT.

N. A. Craven, P. E.

Galveston:

St. John's, to be supplied.

St. James's, I. G. John.

Bay Mission, John S. Clower.

Shearn Church, R. T. Nabors.

Washington Street and Chapmanville, I. Z. T. Morris.

Harrisburg, T. R. Curtis, B. T. Kavanaugh, Sup.

Columbia and Brazoria, J. T. Williamson.

Velasco, G. H. Phair.

Hackley, G. D. Parker.

AUSTIN DISTRICT.

J. W. Whipple, P. E.

Austin:

Austin Station, H. V. Philpott.

Swede Mission, Carl Chanquist.

Austin Circuit, to be supplied (by F. B. Rogers).

Elgin, R. W. Kavanaugh.

Bastrop and Hill's Prairie, F. L. Allen.

West Point, to be supplied.

Giddings, W. G. Nelms.

Ridgeway, to be supplied (by J. T. Tally).

Cedar Creek, Daniel Morgan.

South-west University, F. A. Mood, Regent.

CHAPPELL HILL DISTRICT.

T. B. Buckingham, P. E.

Chappell Hill, T. W. Rogers, J. Matthews, Sup.

Brenham, B. D. Dashiell.

Brenham Mission, A. G. Beaumont.

Independence, F. A. McShan.

Travis, R. Alexander.

San Felipe, J. Norwood.

Burton, J. L. Lemons.

Caldwell, to be supplied (by W. M. Mathis).

Lexington, M. H. Porter.

Birch Creek, to be supplied (by T. A. Garrison).

Hempstead, U. C. Spencer.

Chappell Hill Female College, E. D. Pitts, President.

HUNTSVILLE DISTRICT.

J. M. Wessen, P. E.

Huntsville, F. T. Mitchell.

Huntsville Circuit, O. T. Hotchkiss.

Willis, J. Burford.

Plantersville and Courtney, G. S. Sandle.

Navasota and Anderson, P. C. Archer.

Prairie Plains, J. C. Huckabee.

Madisonville, to be supplied (by Gideon Rowledge).

Zion, Walter S. South.

Bryan, S. C. Littlepage.

Bryan Circuit, R. W. Kennon.

Cold Springs, to be supplied (by E. A. Stocking).

Andrew Female College, E. A. Stocking, Agent.

COLUMBUS DISTRICT.

A. L. P. Green, P. E.

Columbus, P. W. Archer.

La Grange, C. L. Farrington.

Oso, S. H. Williams.
 Navidad, P. B. Saffold.
 Richmond and Eagle Lake Mission, Thomas Whitworth.
 Wharton, to be supplied.
 Matagorda, Samuel H. Brown.
 Andrew Female College, E. S. Smith, President.
 Editor *Texas Christian Advocate*, I. G. John.

H. S. Thrall transferred to West Texas Conference, and stationed at San Antonio.

W. H. H. Biggs transferred to West Texas Conference, and stationed at Victoria.

Mellville C. Field transferred to Pacific Conference.

O. Fisher transferred to North-west Texas Conference, and placed on Belton District as Presiding Elder.

XXXI.—NORTH-WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

HELD AT CORSICANA, TEXAS, November 10-15, 1875.

BISHOP PIERCE, *President*; F. P. RAY, *Secretary*.

QUESTION 1. Who are admitted on trial?

ANSWER. Louis S. Chamberlain, Gaston W. Swafford, Joseph J. Canafax, John E. Akin, Hiram B. Henry, Wm. R. Robinson, Wm. L. Harris, Marion Mills, B. H. Johnson. 9.

Ques. 2. Who remain on trial?

Joseph B. Womack, James K. Lane, John G. Warren, Samuel C. Vaughan, Levi F. Collins. 5.

Ques. 3. Who are discontinued?

None.

Ques. 4. Who are admitted into full connection?

Samuel J. Franks, Robert C. Hendrick, Wm. D. Robinson, James M. Truitt, James Campbell, Hugh Griffin, John T. Graham, Napoleon F. Law, Harrison P. Ashby. 9.

Ques. 5. Who are readmitted?

H. H. Sullivan. 1.

Ques. 6. Who are received by transfer from other Conferences?

I. P. Stanfield, B. H. Johnson, M. L. Martin, S. S. Scott, S. Morris. 5.

Ques. 7. Who are the deacons of one year?

J. J. Shirley, W. V. Jones, W. G. Davenport, J. R. Barden, J. D. Whitehead, T. G. A. Tharp, N. A. Duckett, W. J. King, A. D. Gaskill, J. J. Davis, J. A. Walkup. 11.

Ques. 8. What traveling preachers are elected deacons?

Samuel J. Franks, Hugh Griffin, James Campbell, Napoleon F. Law, Harrison P. Ashby, John T. Graham. 6.

Ques. 9. What traveling preachers are ordained deacons?

Samuel J. Franks, Hugh Griffin, John T. Graham, James Campbell, Napoleon F. Law, Harrison P. Ashby. 6.

Ques. 10. What local preachers are elected deacons?

G. W. Lantrip, J. C. Turner, F. P. Stephen-

son, I. M. Vinson, N. L. Stepp, W. R. Robinson, D. P. Daman, H. H. McAfee. 8.

Ques. 11. What local preachers are ordained deacons?

G. W. Lantrip, J. C. Turner, F. P. Stephenson, I. M. Vinson, N. L. Stepp, W. R. Robinson, W. B. Gage, J. P. Skinner. 8.

Ques. 12. What traveling preachers are elected elders?

Richard H. H. Burnett, Osgood A. Shook, Wm. E. Weaver, Geo. R. Bryce. 4.

Ques. 13. What traveling preachers are ordained elders?

Richard H. H. Burnett, Osgood A. Shook, Wm. E. Weaver, Geo. R. Bryce. 4.

Ques. 14. What local preachers are elected elders?

John J. Farmer, J. C. K. Patton, David J. Davis, Jeremiah Crook, Jas. P. Stevenson. 5.

Ques. 15. What local preachers are ordained elders?

John J. Farmer, J. C. K. Patton, David J. Davis, J. Crook. 4.

Ques. 16. Who are located this year?

R. J. Perry, Wm. L. Kidd. 2.

Ques. 17. Who are supernumerary?

J. F. Hines, O. A. Shook, F. P. Ray, H. C. McQuown, J. Carpenter, J. Powell, W. L. Kestler. 7.

Ques. 18. Who are superannuated?

J. P. Sneed, C. N. McGuire, R. Crawford, J. M. Johnson, D. Womack, M. Yell. 6.

Ques. 19. What preachers have died during the past year?

R. B. Womack. 1.

RUFUS BRADFORD WOMACK was born in Jackson co., Ala., June 15, 1833; was converted at a camp-meeting while a student of Irvine College, Warren co., Tenn., in 1852:

licensed to preach at Dangerfield, Texas, Oct. 10, 1857; was received on trial into the East Texas Conference at Rusk in 1857; ordained deacon by Bishop Geo. F. Pierce at Palestine, Dec. 4, 1859; ordained elder by Bishop Early at Marshall, Oct. 27, 1861. He served the following appointments in the order of name and time—viz.: Quitman Circuit, 1857; Newton Circuit, 1858; Milam Circuit, 1859; Kickapoo Circuit, 1860; Athens Circuit, 1861; Liberty Circuit, 1862; Liberty Station, 1863: this year he was transferred to the Texas Conference, and was stationed on the Meridian Circuit in 1864 and 1865. On the division of this Conference his lot fell to the North-west Texas Conference, and he was appointed to Hillsboro Circuit in 1866 and 1867; Waxahachie Circuit, 1868, 1869, 1870, 1871; Marlin Station, 1872; Cleburne and Marysville Station, 1873; Rockvale Circuit, 1874. This was his final appointment. To it he went with his accustomed promptness and pleasure. On the 10th of March, 1875, he passed to glory. His dying message to the members of this Conference will be cherished as among the rare gifts of God's grace. In his living and dying, God emphasized the efficiency of the gospel method of saving us. "Servant of God, well done!" May we, his surviving comrades, so live and die!

Ques. 20. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?

Their names were called over, one by one, and their characters examined and passed, except A. W. Cornett, whose case was referred to the Presiding Elder.

Ques. 21. What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations, and missions of the Conference?

Waco District.

	White Mem's.	Col'd Mem's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Waco Station.....	350		5
Waco City Mission.....	29		
Marlin Station.....	72		
Marlin Circuit.....	105		
Bremond Circuit.....	530		7
Groesbeck and Central Institute Ct.....	227		4
Thornton Mission.....	56		2
Hammond and Mt. Vernon Mission.....	152		2
Calvert and Hearne Station.....	82		
Owensville Circuit.....	222		4
Wheelock Circuit.....	146		3
	1971		27

Belton District.

Belton Station.....	167		3
Port Sullivan and Cameron Circuit...	400		4
San Gabriel Circuit.....	450		5
Salado and Davilla.....	538		8
Georgetown Circuit.....	347		4
Liberty Hill Circuit.....	286		5
Sugar-loaf Circuit.....	436		7
Leon Circuit.....	315		4
Deer Creek Circuit.....	208		5
Waco Circuit.....	243		
Gatesville Circuit.....	457		4
Black Land Mission.....	73		1
	3920		50

Corsicana District.

	White Mem's.	Col'd Mem's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Corsicana Station.....	148		
Dresden Circuit.....	332		4
Birdstone Mission.....	85		1
Mexia Circuit.....	435		6
Mount Calm Circuit.....	320		1
Fairfield Circuit.....	171		1
Butler Circuit.....	201		3
Redland Circuit.....	386		4
Centerville Circuit.....	293		
Navasota Mission.....	106		1
	2477		21

Waxahachie District.

Waxahachie Station.....	128		1
Lancaster Circuit.....	504		2
Waxahachie Circuit.....	479		6
Chatfield Circuit.....	298		5
Milford Circuit.....	280		6
Ennis Circuit.....	273		2
Chambers Creek Circuit.....	60		
Hillsboro Circuit.....	387		4
Peoria Circuit.....	313		4
	2722		30

Stevensville District.

Stevensville Circuit.....	168		3
Poluxy Circuit.....	387		3
North Bosque Circuit.....	230		3
Meridian Circuit.....	104		1
Eastland Mission.....	42		
Jonesboro Mission.....	146		7
Fort Griffin Mission.....	48		1
Pilo Pinto and Graham City Mission.....	116		2
Bosqueville Circuit.....	506		7
Jacksboro Circuit.....	63		
Black Springs Mission.....	133		2
	1943		29

Comanche District.

Comanche Circuit.....	352		3
San Saba Circuit.....	150		6
Rockvale Circuit.....	172		6
Burnett Circuit.....	150		4
Brownwood Mission.....	192		1
Fort Mason and Llano Mission.....	114		
Lampassas Mission.....	179		3
Cow-house Mission.....	91		2
Hamilton Mission.....	126		5
	1526		30

Weatherford District.

Weatherford Station.....	94		
Weatherford Circuit.....	225		1
Granberry Circuit.....	163		4
Acton Circuit.....	255		4
Cleburne and Marysville Circuit.....	138		3
Cleburne Circuit.....	314		6
Mansfield Circuit.....	261		7
Caddo Grove Circuit.....	460		6
Fort Worth Station.....	125		
Springtown Mission.....	168		3
Cartersville Circuit.....	155		2
Alvarado Circuit.....	565		10
	2923		46

Recapitulation.

Waco District.....	1971		27
Belton ".....	3920		50
Corsicana ".....	2477		21
Waxahachie ".....	2722		30
Stevensville ".....	1943		29
Comanche ".....	1526		30
Weatherford ".....	2923		46
Total this year.....	17,482		233
Total last year.....	15,382		180
Increase.....	2,100		53

Ques. 22. How many infants have been baptized during the year?
1127.

Ques. 23. How many adults have been baptized during the year?
1896.

Ques. 24. What is the number of Sunday-schools?
119.

Ques. 25. What is the number of Sunday-school teachers?
741.

Ques. 26. What is the number of Sunday-school scholars?
5892.

Ques. 27. What amount is necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers?
\$2,000.

Ques. 28. What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied?
Collected, \$1,303 55. Applied to claimants.

Ques. 29. What has been contributed for missions?
\$3,019 32.

Ques. 30. Where shall the next session of the Conference be held?
At Calvert, Texas.

Ques. 31. Where are the preachers stationed this year?

WACO DISTRICT.

W. G. Connor, P. E.

Waco, M. H. Wells.
Waco City Mission, J. M. Truitt.
Marlin, C. E. Brown.
Sandy Creek Mission, J. J. Canafax.
Bremond, W. F. Compton.
Mount Vernon, H. H. Sullivan.
Calvert and Hearne, J. M. Pugh.
Owensville, S. J. Franks.
Wheelock, W. W. Thomas.
Bosqueville, W. T. Melugin, W. L. Harris.
Waco Circuit, Thos. Stanford.
Bremond High School, H. M. Glass, Principal.
Waco Female College, S. P. Wright, President.

GEORGETOWN DISTRICT.

W. G. Veal, P. E.

Belton, T. H. B. Anderson.
Cameron, J. A. Walkup.
San Gabriel, J. K. Lane.
Salado and Davilla, J. S. Lane.
Georgetown, H. Bishop, J. Campbell.
Liberty Hall, W. L. King.
Sugar-loaf, H. S. P. Ashby.
Gatesville, E. R. Barcus, O. A. Shook, Sup.
Leon, R. W. Flournoy, J. Carpenter, Sup.
Deer Creek, J. W. Walkup.
Black Land Mission, J. Peeler.
South-western University, T. H. B. Anderson, Agent.
Waco Female College, W. R. D. Stockton, Agent.

CORSICANA DISTRICT.

T. W. Haynes, P. E.

Corsicana, M. D. Fly.
Dresden, J. J. Davis.
Birdstone Mission, G. R. Bryce.
Mexia, J. D. Shaw.
Mount Calm, S. Morris.
Fairfield, R. H. Adair, G. W. Swafford.
Redland, W. K. Turner.
Centerville, J. D. Whitehead, J. E. Akin.
Groesbeck and Central Institute, R. C. Hendrick.
Thornton Mission, J. B. Womack.
American Bible Society, J. S. McCarver, Agent.

WAXAHACHIE DISTRICT.

A. Davis, P. E.

Waxahachie, J. F. Neal.
Waxahachie Circuit, S. S. Scott, F. P. Ray, Sup.
Wheatland, W. Monk.
Wesley Chapel, J. S. Davis.
Lancaster, George W. Graves.
Ennis, W. D. Robinson.
Chatfield, W. A. Sampey, W. L. Kistler, Sup.
Chambers Creek, T. G. A. Tharp.
Milford, W. Vaughan.
Ash Creek Mission, H. B. Henry.
Hillsboro, J. F. Cox.
Peoria, W. F. Graves, H. C. McQuown, Sup.
Marvin College, A. Davis, Agent.

WEATHERFORD DISTRICT.

W. C. Young, P. E.

Weatherford, A. D. Gaskill.
Weatherford Circuit, S. S. Yarbrough.
Granberry and Acton, J. Hiner.
Caddo Grove, I. N. Reeves.
Cleburne, R. H. H. Burnett, J. J. Hines, Sup.
Cleburne Circuit, J. P. Hulse.
Alvarado, W. Price, J. Powell, Sup.
Mansfield, J. G. Warren.
Fort Worth, C. H. Ellis.
Fort Worth Circuit, M. L. Martin.
Springtown, J. Grant.
Cartersville, A. K. Miller.
Granberry High School, J. J. Shirley, Principal.

STEVENSVILLE DISTRICT.

J. P. Mussett, P. E.

Stevensville, J. R. Randle.
Poluxy, E. W. Simmons.
Glenrose, O. M. Addison.
Iredell, N. F. Law.
Meridian, J. R. Barden.
Jonesboro, M. Mills.
Eastland Mission, W. E. Weaver.
Fort Griffin Mission, to be supplied.
Palo Pinto, W. R. Robinson.
Graham Mission, S. C. Vaughan.
Jacksboro, W. V. Jones.
Black Spring Mission, J. M. Jones.

COMANCHE DISTRICT.

P. W. Gravis, P. E.

Comanche, B. H. Johnson.

Comanche Circuit, E. A. Bailey.
 Hamilton, L. F. Collins.
 Plum Creek Mission, W. G. Davenport.
 Lampassas Mission, J. W. B. Allen.
 Burnett, L. S. Chamberlain.
 Rockvale, J. R. White.
 Fort Mason and Llano Mission, J. T. Graham.
 San Saba, T. G. Gilmore.
 Brownwood Mission, H. J. McQuary.
 Sunday-school Agent, S. D. Akin.

Hugh Griffin transferred to Los Angeles Conference.

W. W. Jared transferred to Tennessee Conference.

W. C. Collins transferred to Florida Conference.

W. P. Wilson transferred to North Texas Conference, and appointed to the University Training School.

N. A. Duckett transferred to East Texas Conference.

XXXII.—WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

HELD AT SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, October 20–25, 1875.

BISHOP PIERCE, *President*; O. A. FISHER, *Secretary*.

QUESTION 1. Who are admitted on trial?

ANSWER. Ichabod Kingsbury, Jose Maria Casanova, Clemente Abraham Vivero. 3.

Ques. 2. Who remain on trial?

Avery G. Nolen, Doroteo Garcia, Felipe N. Cordova. 3.

Ques. 3. Who are discontinued?

W. C. Kingsbury, T. R. Atkins, Fermin Vidaurri. 3.

Ques. 4. Who are admitted into full connection?

Temple G. Wools, Jefferson J. Honeycutt, John E. Vernor, Nicholson W. Keith. 4.

Ques. 5. Who are readmitted?

Wm. L. Carleton. 1.

Ques. 6. Who are received by transfer from other Conferences?

H. P. Bowen, J. F. Denton, W. H. H. Biggs. 3.

Ques. 7. Who are the deacons of one year?

W. G. Cocke, M. A. Black. 2.

Ques. 8. What traveling preachers are elected deacons?

John E. Vernor, N. W. Keith. 2.

Ques. 9. What traveling preachers are ordained deacons?

John E. Vernor, N. W. Keith. 2.

Ques. 10. What local preachers are elected deacons?

None.

Ques. 11. What local preachers are ordained deacons?

None.

Ques. 12. What traveling preachers are elected elders?

John B. Denton, W. L. Ridout. 2.

Ques. 13. What traveling preachers are ordained elders?

John B. Denton, W. L. Ridout. 2.

Ques. 14. What local preachers are elected elders?

None.

Ques. 15. What local preachers are ordained elders?

None.

Ques. 16. Who are located this year?

W. F. Alexander, J. W. Cooley. 2.

Ques. 17. Who are supernumerary?

T. T. Smothers, H. W. South, R. H. Belvin. 3.

Ques. 18. Who are superannuated?

Jesse Hord, Thomas Myers, A. B. Duval, R. M. Leaton, R. Gillett. 5.

Ques. 19. What preachers have died during the past year?

Alejo Hernandez. 1.

ALEJO HERNANDEZ was born in the State of Aguas Calientes, Republic of Mexico. His father was then wealthy, and he was early sent to school, looking to the priesthood. He passed his academical course and entered college as a freshman. During his freshman year he imbibed infidelity, and determined never to be a priest; without the knowledge of his father, he left college and joined the army against Maximilian; was taken prisoner by the French, and, after various misfortunes and great suffering, he found himself upon the Rio Grande, upon the border of Texas. While there, a book called "Evenings with the Romanists" fell into his hands. He saw that it was in opposition to the Romanists, and, of course, as far as he knew, was in opposition to Christianity. He read the book for the purpose of confirm-

ing himself in infidelity. The frequent quotations from the Bible in that book led him to inquire for a Bible in his own language. He soon found one, and there, for the first time in his life, read God's word in his native tongue. He there saw that salvation is by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. He wandered about for weeks, and was supposed by his friends to be demented. The allusions to Protestant Christianity in the before-mentioned book induced him to go over to Brownsville to the Protestant Church, and there, for the first time, he saw God worshiped without any of the paraphernalia of Catholic worship. He said: "I was seated where I could see the congregation; but few could see me. I felt that God's Spirit was there, and though I could not understand a word that was spoken, *I felt my heart strangely warmed.*" At the close of the service, he said: "Never did I hear an organ play so sweetly; never did human voices sound so lovely; to me, never did people look so beautiful as on that occasion. I went away weeping for holy joy." He went back across the river, and commenced at once his life-work among his people. He was so permeated with a desire to do good that an American friend advised him to go to Texas, join some one of the Churches, get the advice and assistance of Christian people, and then go to work. He came to Corpus Christi and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, under the ministry of the Rev. J. W. Brown, and was licensed to preach. At the suggestion of friends he came up the country to the Medina River and labored for four months, making his home with the Rev. J. W. De Vilbiss, then Presiding Elder of Corpus Christi District. At the close of that year he returned to Corpus Christi, where he labored for two months, living in the family of Brother Brown. From thence he was recommended to the Annual Conference, and in December, 1871, was received on trial at Leesburg and ordained deacon by Bishop Marvin, and appointed to the Laredo Mexican Mission. Going into Mexico for the purpose of marrying, he was detained several months in Monterey, during which time he united with the Congregational Mission established there. At the session of the West Texas Conference held in Victoria, December, 1872, he was appointed to the Corpus Christi Mexican Mission. On account of sickness in his family, he was prevented from coming to this appointment until the May following. After spending three or four weeks there and at Rockport, laboring faithfully and successfully among the Mexicans of both places, he was removed by Bishop Keener to the City of Mexico. In the course of one year in this mission his health utterly failed, and he was so stricken with paralysis that until his death he could not move, unassisted, more than his hands and head. His anxiety to meet and die among his brethren in Corpus Christi was so great that he rested not contented until he was on the road for this his first Christian home. On arriving at Mata-

moras he was detained by want of funds, and also to be treated by a physician, with a faint hope of recovery or improvement. Here he remained until within a few weeks of his death, which latter weeks were spent in Corpus Christi among his brethren. The following account of his death and burial is taken from a very interesting letter written by Brother Wm. Headen to Bishop Keener, and published in the New Orleans *Christian Advocate*: "He died during the night of the 27th of September, 1875. He had passed the day as usual—there was no marked change, indicating any reason for uneasiness when his friends retired, or even later, when his wife and their two little children repaired to bed. He was seated in his rudely constructed but comfortable invalid chair, to which he had been confined during his long illness, when he calmly passed away from earth and loved ones to heaven and everlasting joy. . . . On the 28th his own people, who greatly loved him, assisted by a friendly hand or two from the American congregation, gently bore his remains to and from the hearse and church, and also laid them in the grave. This was a glorious day. All nature was beaming brightly. The air was calm and the sky almost cloudless. As the sun was sinking in the West, we slowly and sadly lowered the body to its resting-place. The requiem, sung in Spanish, floated off and upward as an incense upon the still air. The benediction was pronounced, and at half past five P.M. his friends, led by the pastors of the Mexican and American Methodist Churches, and the Rev. W. E. Caldwell, of the Presbyterian Church, did the last kindly office for him, and closed the grave."

Ques. 20. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?

Their names were called over, one by one, and their characters examined and passed.

Ques. 21. What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations, and missions of the Conference?

San Antonio District.

	White Mem's.	Col'd Mem's.	Loc'l Pr's.
San Antonio Station.....	70	.....	3
Cibola Circuit.....	128	.....	1
Medina Circuit.....	186	.....	4
Sutherland Springs.....	283	.....	3
Kerrville.....	126	.....	3
Bandera Mission.....	52	.....	.....
Uvalde Circuit.....	95	.....	2
	940		16

San Marcos District.

San Marcos Station.....	315	.....	4
San Marcos Circuit.....	290	.....	6
Lockhart and Prairie Lea.....	280	.....	2
Seguin Station.....	164	.....	2
Gonzales Circuit.....	248	.....	2
Blanco Circuit.....	374	.....	4
Mountain City Circuit.....	188	.....	5
Thompsonville Circuit.....	250	.....	4
	2103		29

Victoria District.

	White Mem's.	Col'd Mem's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Victoria Station.....	30		
Concrete Circuit.....	300		2
Hallettsville Circuit.....	212		2
Leesburg Circuit.....	233		3
Yorktown Circuit.....	38		
Clinton Circuit.....	121		2
Texana Circuit.....	211		2
	1145		11

Corpus Christi District.

Corpus Christi Station.....	87		
Rockport Circuit.....	116		2
St. Mary's Circuit.....	40		
Beeville Circuit.....	91		2
Goliad Circuit.....	161		2
Helena Circuit.....	84		
Oakville Circuit.....	49		
Nueces River Circuit.....	30		
	658		6

Mexican Border Mission District.

Corpus Christi Mission.....	66		
San Diego Mission.....	32		
Laredo Mission.....			
Brownsville Mission.....			
Rio Grande City Mission.....			
Conception and Presenas Mission...	68		
	166		

Recapitulation.

San Antonio District.....	940		16
San Marcos ".....	2109		29
Victoria ".....	1145		11
Corpus Christi ".....	658		6
Mexican Border Mission ".....	166		
Total this year.....	5018		62
Total last year.....	4520	12	62
Increase.....	498		
Decrease.....		12	

Ques. 22. How many infants have been baptized during the year?
279.

Ques. 23. How many adults have been baptized during the year?
367.

Ques. 24. What is the number of Sunday-schools?
49.

Ques. 25. What is the number of Sunday-school teachers?
273.

Ques. 26. What is the number of Sunday-school scholars?
1903.

Ques. 27. What amount is necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers?
\$800.

Ques. 28. What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied?

Collected, \$383 47. Applied to claimants.

Ques. 29. What has been contributed for missions?

\$1,284 82.

Ques. 30. Where shall the next session of the Conference be held?

At Seguin, Texas.

Ques. 31. Where are the preachers stationed this year?

SAN ANTONIO DISTRICT.

J. G. Walker, P. E.

San Antonio, to be supplied.

San Antonio City Mission, to be supplied.

Cibolo, H. P. Bowen.

Sutherland Springs, I. Kingsbury.

Rancho, E. Y. Seale.

Medina, T. G. Wools.

Uvalde, J. E. Vernon.

Kerrville, W. L. Carlton, H. W. South, Sup.

Bandera Mission, A. J. Potter.

S. W. University, J. W. De Vilbiss, Agent.

SAN MARCOS DISTRICT.

W. J. Joyce, P. E.

San Marcos, J. S. Gillett, T. T. Smothers, Sup.

San Marcos Circuit, J. B. Denton.

Lockhart and Prairie Lea, J. W. Brown, R. H. Belvin, Sup.

Seguin, B. Harris.

Gonzales, W. T. Thornberry.

Blanco, W. L. Ridout.

Mountain City, E. H. Holbrook.

Thompsonville, J. W. Vest.

Pendenoles Mission, A. G. Nolen.

Coronal Institute, O. A. Fisher, Agent.

VICTORIA DISTRICT.

A. A. Killough, P. E.

Victoria, W. H. H. Biggs.

Leesville, H. A. Graves.

Sandy Circuit, to be supplied (by T. F. Rainey).

Clinton, M. A. Black.

Concrete, J. H. Tucker.

Hallettsville, J. F. Denton.

Boxville, J. F. Cook.

Texana, J. C. C. Black.

American Bible Society, W. Smith, District Superintendent.

CORPUS CHRISTI DISTRICT.

A. F. Cox, P. E.

Corpus Christi, C. M. Rogers.

Rockport, J. J. Honeycutt.

Beeville, N. W. Keith.

Oakville, E. G. Duval.

Helena, W. G. Cocke.

Nueces River, C. R. Shapard.

Goliad, H. G. Horton.

MEXICAN BORDER MISSION DISTRICT.

A. H. Sutherland, P. E.

Corpus Christi Mexican Mission, F. N. Cordova.

San Diego Mexican Mission, Dorotea Garcia.
 Presenas Mexican Mission, to be supplied.
 Conception Mexican Mission, to be supplied.
 San Antonio Mexican Mission, Jose Maria Casanova.

Rio Grande City Mexican Mission, Clemente A. Vivero.
 Roma Mier and Camargo Mexican Mission, to be supplied.
 Laredo Mier and Camargo, to be supplied.

XXXIII.—GERMAN MISSION CONFERENCE.

HELD AT GALVESTON, TEXAS, December 1-6, 1875.

BISHOP PIERCE, *President*; J. B. A. AHRENS, *Secretary*.

QUESTION 1. Who are admitted on trial?

ANSWER. Christopher J. Wiemers, Gottfried Buchschacher. 2.

Ques. 2. Who remain on trial?

F. W. Hardt, John C. Kopp, jr., Michael Henchel, Charles Thomas. 4.

Ques. 3. Who are discontinued?

Charles Schmitz. 1.

Ques. 4. Who are admitted into full connection?

William Lieser, August Scheurich. 2.

Ques. 5. Who are readmitted?

None.

Ques. 6. Who are received by transfer from other Conferences?

J. A. G. Rabe, from Texas Conference; Heinrich Haas, an elder in the Evangelical Association, was recognized an elder among us, and received into our Conference. 2.

Ques. 7. Who are the deacons of one year?

J. G. Krauter, William Lieser. 2.

Ques. 8. What traveling preachers are elected deacons?

August Scheurich, F. W. Hardt. 2.

Ques. 9. What traveling preachers are ordained deacons?

August Scheurich, F. W. Hardt. 2.

Ques. 10. What local preachers are elected deacons?

John Kutz. 1.

Ques. 11. What local preachers are ordained deacons?

John Kutz. 1.

Ques. 12. What traveling preachers are elected elders?

None.

Ques. 13. What traveling preachers are ordained elders?

None.

Ques. 14. What local preachers are elected elders?

None.

Ques. 15. What local preachers are ordained elders?

None.

Ques. 16. Who are located this year?

None.

Ques. 17. Who are supernumerary?

None.

Ques. 18. Who are superannuated?

None.

Ques. 19. What preachers have died during the past year?

Alexander Albright (title, Count de Hirschfeld). 1.

ALEXANDER ALBRIGHT died at Georgetown, Texas, at half past nine o'clock P.M., March 2, 1875. Dr. F. A. Mood, who was with him at the time of his demise, reported as follows in the *Familienfreund*: His health having been impaired, he sought and obtained the position of Professor of German Literature at the Texas University. But his health failing more and more, he never entered on the duties of his professorship. Though his exterior seemed sometimes to be rather abortive, he was, nevertheless, a meek and an amiable Christian. His faith clung firmly to the cross of Christ. A few days before his captive spirit was set free, he accosted Dr. Mood as follows: "I want you to preach my funeral-sermon. I love you as a brother in the Lord. Go to the German brethren during their next Conference-session, and tell them that my faith has triumphed in death, and that I love them sincerely." A few hours before breathing his last, when the power of speech had already left him, Dr. Mood asked him once more whether Jesus was now with him, with his light and life. Obviously understanding the interrogation, he opened his eyes for the last time, pointed upward with his hand, and said, "All is bright!" Pausing a little while, during which his features seemed to convey inexpressible bliss, he added, "Love to all!" Thus he sweetly fell asleep in Jesus. Brother Al-

bright was a native of the Duchy of Oldenburg in Germany, and descended from a very renowned and noble family. The full name and title of the deceased was Alexander Albright, Count de Hirschfeld. He was a regular graduate of the military school at Eutin, in Holstein. In 1840 he entered the army of his native State with the rank of lieutenant. Three years later he entered the Austrian army with the rank of a captain. In 1853 he came to the United States of America, and three years later joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in Missouri. Four years ago Bishop Marvin transferred him from the Missouri to the Texas Conference, and assigned him to the German Mission at Galveston. The next year he was appointed to the New Braunfels Circuit. A year later he was put on the supernumerary list, with the design of teaching. Last year his relation was changed to that of a superannuated preacher. He leaves a widow—an estimable American lady—and three children, the youngest of which is twelve years old. As a man he was austere—the result of his military training and life. Ostensibly there was little of the winsome and affable in his composition; but within that coarse exterior there beat a heart full of affection. His address seemed to be haughty and dictatorial; but this was all owing to his former avocation. As a Christian he walked with God, loved his Bible, prayed much, and rejoiced in the hope of glory. His faith would surmount all obstacles, so that he basked in the sunshine of God's favor, notwithstanding sore trials and tribulations. He was very anxious to lead his only brother, postmaster in Bamberg, Bavaria, to the foot of the cross of Christ. Daily he sent his petitions in his behalf to the throne of God. He also ordered the *Familienfreund* to be sent to him, and suitable German books. He was aware of the power of the religious press, and constantly paid the subscription price for several copies of the paper, which he ordered to be sent to indigent and unconverted people. As a preacher, he was full of holy zeal—willing to sacrifice all for the furtherance of Christ's kingdom. Transferred by Bishop Marvin to the Texas Conference, he sold the cosy homestead—a well-stocked farm in Missouri. Owing to the distressed circumstances of our country, it was not long until he had spent all he possessed. His discourses were mostly doctrinal and controversial, after the style of the old Methodist preachers of whom we read in the life of Bishop Capers. His discourses, though not popular with the thoughtless masses, were suggestive and full of sound sense. As a husband and father he was all that a family could wish. He loved his home, and did all that lay in his power to make it happy and cheerful. He was ardently attached to his friends. He was the first one taken out of the ranks of our young Conference by death.

Ques. 20. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?

Their names were called over, one by one, and their characters examined and passed.

Ques. 21. What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations, and missions of the Conference?

Houston District.

	White Mem's.	Col'd Mem's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Houston Station.....	93	.....	1
Galveston Mission.....	14	.....	.....
Bellville Mission.....	52	.....	1
Industry Mission.....	37	.....	3
Bastrop Mission.....	72	.....	1
Long Prairie.....	12	.....	1
Houston and Cypress.....	.....	.....	.....
Marshall.....	.....	.....	.....
	280	.....	7

New Braunfels District.

New Fountain Mission.....	72	.....	.....
Fredericksburg Mission.....	64	.....	.....
Llano Mission.....	67	.....	1
Yorktown Mission.....	22	.....	1
New Braunfels Mission.....	58	.....	1
Cibolo and Elm Creek.....	52	.....	1
Flatonia and Shulenburg.....	.....	.....	.....
	335	.....	4

New Orleans District.

New Orleans:			
Dryades Street.....	180	.....	2
Craps Street.....	83	.....	.....
Sorapam and Carrollton.....	40	.....	.....
Lake Charles.....	15	.....	.....
St. Tammany Mission.....	18	.....	.....
Mobile.....	.....	.....	.....
	336	.....	2

Recapitulation.

Houston District.....	280	.....	7
New Braunfels ".....	335	.....	4
New Orleans ".....	336	.....	2
Total this year.....	951	.....	13
Total last year.....	910	.....	11
Increase.....	41	.....	2

Ques. 22. How many infants have been baptized during the year?

137.

Ques. 23. How many adults have been baptized during the year?

None.

Ques. 24. What is the number of Sunday-schools?

24.

Ques. 25. What is the number of Sunday-school teachers?

145.

Ques. 26. What is the number of Sunday-school scholars?

1003.

Ques. 27. What amount is necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers?

\$100.

Ques. 28. What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied?

Collected, \$74 60. Paid to Mrs. A. Albright.

Ques. 29. What has been contributed for missions?

Foreign Missions,	\$335 00
Domestic Missions,	650 00
	<hr/> \$985 00

Ques. 30. Where shall the next session of the Conference be held?

At Grassy Fork, near Giddings, Texas.

Ques. 31. Where are the preachers stationed this year?

HOUSTON DISTRICT.

F. Vordenbaumen, P. E.

Houston, John Prinzing.
Galveston, John C. Kopp, jr.
Bellville, John G. Krauter.
Industry, to be supplied (by Wm. Knolle).
Bastrop, W. Lieser.
Long Prairie, to be supplied (by E. Powitzky).
Buffalo Bayou, to be supplied (by W. J. R. Phaussen).
Industry High School, H. Ebers.

Lake Charles, A. Scheurich.

NEW BRAUNFELS DISTRICT.

J. A. Schaper, P. E.

New Fountain, Jacob Kern.
Fredericksburg, H. Haas.
Ilano, F. W. Hardt.
Yorktown, B. Buchschacher.
New Braunfels, John C. Kopp, sr.
Cibolo and Guadalupe, Jacob Bader.
Wiemer and Schulenburg, Charles Thomas.
Fredericksburg College, J. A. G. Rabe, Agent.

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT.

J. B. A. Ahrens, P. E.

New Orleans:
Dryades Street, J. B. A. Ahrens.
Craps Street, C. A. Grote.
Sorapam Street, J. A. Pauley.
Carrollton, Michael Henschel.
St. Tammany Mission, C. J. Wiemers.
Mobile, to be supplied.
Editor of *Familienfreund*, J. B. A. Ahrens.

XXXIV.—LOS ANGELES CONFERENCE.

HELD AT LOS NIETOS, CAL., October 27–November 1, 1875.

BISHOP KAVANAUGH, *President*; GEORGE E. BUTLER, *Secretary*.

QUESTION 1. Who are admitted on trial?

ANSWER. Albert B. Gill. 1.

Ques. 2. Who remain on trial?

None.

Ques. 3. Who are discontinued?

W. L. Stevens, at his own request. 1.

Ques. 4. Who are admitted into full connection?

None.

Ques. 5. Who are readmitted?

Millard J. Law. 1.

Ques. 6. Who are received by transfer from other Conferences?

L. A. Smith, from Missouri Conference; L. J. Hedgpeth, from Pacific Conference; Philip Tuggle, from Memphis Conference. 3.

Ques. 7. Who are the deacons of one year?

Franklin McKean. 1.

Ques. 8. What traveling preachers are elected deacons?

None.

Ques. 9. What traveling preachers are ordained deacons?

None.

Ques. 10. What local preachers are elected deacons?

None.

Ques. 11. What local preachers are ordained deacons?

None.

Ques. 12. What traveling preachers are elected elders?

None.

Ques. 13. What traveling preachers are ordained elders?

None.

Ques. 14. What local preachers are elected elders?

Marcus G. Settle. 1.

Ques. 15. What local preachers are ordained elders?

Marcus G. Settle. 1.

Ques. 16. Who are located this year?

W. A. Spurlock, at his own request. 1.

Ques. 17. Who are supernumerary?

John W. Allen, Philip Tuggle, Jesse D. Franklin. 3.

Ques. 18. Who are superannuated?

Joseph E. Miller, Milton W. Glover. 2.

Ques. 19. What preachers have died during the past year.

None.

Ques. 20. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?

Their names were called over, one by one, and their characters examined and passed.

Ques. 21. What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations, and missions of the Conference?

Los Angeles District.

	White Mem's.	Col'd Mem's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Los Angeles Station.....	61	.....	2
Los Angeles and New River Circuit..	88	.....	3
Los Nietos Station.....	143	.....	4
Elmonte Circuit.....	46	.....	1
San Bernardino Station.....	40	.....	.....
Julian City Circuit.....	20	.....	.....
Wilmington Station.....	21	.....	.....
Santa Anna Circuit.....	154	.....	6
	573	.....	16

Santa Barbara District.

Santa Barbara and Carpenteria	46	.....	1
Santa Clara Circuit.....	45	.....	.....
Santa Maria Circuit.....	74	.....	.....
San Luis Obispo	13	.....	.....
Cambria	15	.....	.....
Tehachapie Circuit.	29	.....	.....
Weldon Circuit.....	41	.....	.....
	263	.....	1

Arizona District.

Salt River Circuit.....	29	.....	.....
Prescott Circuit.....	10	.....	.....
Wallapi Circuit.....	.....	.....	.....
Tucson Circuit.....	.....	.....	.....
	39	.....	.....

Recapitulation.

Los Angeles District.....	573	.....	16
Santa Barbara "	263	.....	1
Arizona "	39	.....	.....
Total this year.....	875	.....	17
Total last year.....	788	3	13
Increase	87	.....	4
Decrease.....	.....	3	.....

Ques. 22. How many infants have been baptized during the year?

69.

Ques. 23. How many adults have been baptized during the year?

46.

Ques. 24. What is the number of Sunday-schools?

12.

Ques. 25. What is the number of Sunday-school teachers?

58.

Ques. 26. What is the number of Sunday-school scholars?

521.

Ques. 27. What amount is necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers?

\$600.

Ques. 28. What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied?

Collected, \$108 75. Paid to M. W. Glover.

Ques. 29. What has been contributed for missions?

\$133 75.

Ques. 30. Where shall the next session of the Conference be held?

At San Bernardino, Cal.

Ques. 31. Where are the preachers stationed this year?

LOS ANGELES DISTRICT.

P. O. Clayton, P. E.

Los Angeles Station, A. M. Campbell, Philip Tuggle, Sup.

Los Angeles and New River Circuit, J. W. Leach.

Los Nietos Station, G. E. Butler.

Elmonte Circuit, A. Adams.

San Bernardino Station, M. J. Law.

San Diego Station, to be supplied.

Julian City Circuit, to be supplied.

Santa Anna Circuit, L. A. Smith.

SANTA BARBARA DISTRICT.

W. Moores, P. E.

Santa Barbara and Carpenteria, D. L. Cogdel, Jesse D. Franklin, Sup.

Santa Clara Circuit, J. W. Craig, J. W. Allen, Sup.

Santa Maria Circuit, Thomas Brown.

San Luis Obispo and Cambria, to be supplied.

Tehachapie Circuit, A. B. Gill.

Weldon Circuit, to be supplied.

ARIZONA DISTRICT.

A. Groves, P. E.

Salt River Circuit, L. J. Hedgpeth.

Prescott Circuit, Franklin McKean.

Wallapi Circuit, to be supplied.

Tucson Circuit, to be supplied.

XXXV.—PACIFIC CONFERENCE.

HELD AT SAN JOSE, CAL., October 13-18, 1875.

BISHOP KAVANAUGH, *President*; E. K. MILLER, *Secretary*.

QUESTION 1. Who are admitted on trial?

ANSWER. Perryman F. Page, William P. Andrews, Tilford A. Miller. 3.

Ques. 2. Who remain on trial?

M. McWhorter, J. S. Clarke, W. D. Senter, T. S. Paul. 4.

Ques. 3. Who are discontinued?

W. O. Askins. 1.

Ques. 4. Who are admitted into full connection?

None.

Ques. 5. Who are readmitted?

None.

Ques. 6. Who are received by transfer from other Conferences?

H. B. Avery, W. D. Senter, T. L. Duke, C. P. Jones, R. H. Mahon, W. J. Mahon, Alex. Odom, T. A. Atkinson, J. C. Hyden, C. C. Wright, R. A. Sawrie. 11.

Ques. 7. Who are the deacons of one year?

R. F. Allen, T. A. Atkinson. 2.

Ques. 8. What traveling preachers are elected deacons?

None.

Ques. 9. What traveling preachers are ordained deacons?

None.

Ques. 10. What local preachers are elected deacons?

Thomas Cook. 1.

Ques. 11. What local preachers are ordained deacons?

None.

Ques. 12. What traveling preachers are elected elders?

None.

Ques. 13. What traveling preachers are ordained elders?

None.

Ques. 14. What local preachers are elected elders?

Stephen Gascoigne. 1.

Ques. 15. What local preachers are ordained elders?

None.

Ques. 16. Who are located this year?

None.

Ques. 17. Who are supernumerary?

J. Wood, J. M. Ward, B. C. Howard. 3.

Ques. 18. Who are superannuated?

S. W. Davies, I. Taylor, J. L. Porter. 3.

Ques. 19. What preachers have died during the past year?

None.

Ques. 20. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?

Their names were called over, one by one, and their characters examined and passed.

Ques. 21. What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations, and missions of the Conference?

Local preachers, 52; white members, 3728. Details not given.

Ques. 22. How many infants have been baptized during the year?

179.

Ques. 23. How many adults have been baptized during the year?

377.

Ques. 24. What is the number of Sunday-schools?

61.

Ques. 25. What is the number of Sunday-school teachers?

No report.

Ques. 26. What is the number of Sunday-school scholars?

2574.

Ques. 27. What amount is necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers?

\$800.

Ques. 28. What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied?

Collected, \$550. Applied to claimants.

Ques. 29. What has been contributed for missions?

Foreign Missions,	\$450
Domestic Missions,	775

\$1,225

Ques. 30. Where shall the next session of the Conference be held?

At San Francisco, Cal.

Ques. 31. Where are the preachers stationed this year?

SAN FRANCISCO DISTRICT.

George Sim, P. E.

San-Francisco Station, R. H. Mahon.
 Sacramento, Richard Pratt.
 Stockton, W. A. Finley.
 Hicksville Circuit, T. D. Clanton.
 Woodbridge Circuit, W. M. Winters.
 San Jose, I. L. Hopkins.
 Santa Clara Circuit, E. K. Miller.
 Mountain View Circuit, L. C. Renfro.
 Gilroy, W. J. Mahon.
 Hollister, T. S. Burnett.
 Salinas, J. M. Overton.
 Watsonville, P. F. Page.
 Trés Pinos, E. H. Robertson.
 Oakland, to be supplied.

SANTA ROSA DISTRICT.

J. C. Simmons, P. E.

Santa Rosa, J. O. Branch.
 Santa Rosa Circuit, J. C. Pendergrast.
 Petaluma, J. K. P. Price.
 Healdsburg Circuit, J. M. Lovell.
 Cloverdale Circuit, W. P. Andrews.
 Ukiah Circuit, C. C. Wright, J. M. Ward, Sup.
 Potter Valley Circuit, J. F. Campbell.
 Lakeport Circuit, R. F. Allen.
 Suisun Circuit, S. Brown.
 Vacaville and Davisville Circuit, J. Hedgpeth.
 Winter's Circuit, B. H. Russell.
 Punta Arenas Circuit, to be supplied (by J. W. Bell).
 Humboldt Circuit, W. O. Askins.
 Pacific Methodist College, C. Chamberlin,
 Professor; O. P. Fitzgerald, Agent.
 Conference Missionary, B. F. Burris.

COLUSA DISTRICT.

T. C. Barton, P. E.

Colusa Station, J. C. Hyden.

Colusa Circuit, J. S. Clarke.
 Knight's Landing Circuit, W. F. Compton.
 Wheatland Circuit, A. Odom.
 Yuba City Circuit, J. Kelsay.
 Chico Station, C. P. Jones.
 Chico Circuit, to be supplied (by W. E. Murry).
 Tehama Circuit, G. W. Fleming.
 Millville Circuit, W. H. Howard.
 Princeton Circuit, W. D. Senter.
 Marysville, B. C. Howard, Sup.
 Sierra Valley Circuit, to be supplied.
 Meridian Circuit, to be supplied.

VISALIA DISTRICT.

H. B. Avery, P. E.

Linden Circuit, J. G. Shelton.
 Modesto Circuit, L. D. Hargis.
 Waterford Circuit, to be supplied (by A. F. Trousdale).
 Sonora Circuit, J. Gruwell.
 Hopeton Circuit, M. McWhorter.
 Merced Circuit, T. A. Atkinson.
 Mariposa Circuit, J. M. Alsanson.
 { Buchanan Circuit, C. C. Snell.
 { Borden Mission, to be supplied (by L. Cately).
 Los Banos Circuit, T. A. Miller.
 Fresno Circuit, T. S. Paul, J. Wood, Sup.
 Visalia Circuit, F. M. Staten.
 Kingston Circuit, T. L. Duke.
 Tulé River Circuit, J. H. Neal.
 Antelope Mission, R. A. Sawrie.

J. Anderson transferred to Missouri Conference.

L. J. Hedgpeth transferred to Los Angeles Conference.

N. Futrell transferred to Memphis Conference.

E. E. Hoss transferred to Baltimore Conference.

XXXVI.—COLUMBIA CONFERENCE.

HELD AT ALBANY, OREGON, *September 15-20, 1875.*

BISHOP KAVANAUGH, *President*; JOSEPH EMERY, *Secretary*.

QUESTION 1. Who are admitted on trial?

ANSWER. None.

Ques. 2. Who remain on trial?

S. W. Davies, Angelo Hardison, Thornton P. Haynes. 3.

Ques. 3. Who are discontinued?

None.

Ques. 4. Who are admitted into full connection?

None.

Ques. 5. Who are readmitted?

Robert C. Martin. 1.

Ques. 6. Who are received by transfer from other Conferences?

N. M. Skipworth, James E. Bradley, Peter A. Moses, James W. Compton, Thornton P. Haynes, Joseph B. Perkins. 6.

Ques. 7. Who are the deacons of one year?
John R. N. Bell, Joseph B. Perkins. 2.

Ques. 8. What traveling preachers are elected deacons?
None.

Ques. 9. What traveling preachers are ordained deacons?
None.

Ques. 10. What local preachers are elected deacons?
W. A. Willis, S. C. Moore. 2.

Ques. 11. What local preachers are ordained deacons?
W. A. Willis, S. C. Moore. 2.

Ques. 12. What traveling preachers are elected elders?
None.

Ques. 13. What traveling preachers are ordained elders?
None.

Ques. 14. What local preachers are elected elders?
None.

Ques. 15. What local preachers are ordained elders?
None.

Ques. 16. Who are located this year?
B. R. Baxter, E. J. Dawné. 2.

Ques. 17. Who are supernumerary?
None.

Ques. 18. Who are superannuated?
C. H. E. Newton. 1.

Ques. 19. What preachers have died during the past year?
None.

Ques. 20. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?
Their names were called over, one by one, and their characters examined and passed.

Ques. 21. What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations, and missions of the Conference?

Willamette District.

	White Mem's.	Col'd Mem's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Brownsville Circuit.....	59	.....	1
Dallas Circuit.....	100	.....	4
Corvallis and Benton Mission.....	66	.....	1
Junction City Circuit.....	86	.....	2
Eugene City and Coast Fork Circuit.....	38	.....	1
Lebanon Circuit.....	108	.....	1
Albany Station.....	43	.....	.....
Salem Station.....	24	.....	.....
La Fayette Circuit.....	87	.....	1
Tillamook Circuit.....	56	.....	1
Oregon City Circuit.....	86	.....	3
	753		15

Jacksonville District.

	White Mem's.	Col'd Mem's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Jacksonville Circuit.....	67	.....	2
Roseburg Circuit.....	112	.....	4
Oakland Mission.....	19	.....	.....
Coquille Mission.....	11	.....	1
	207		7

Umatilla District.

Powder River Circuit.....	41	.....	.....
Grand Ronde Circuit.....	25	.....	.....
Walla Walla Circuit.....	7	.....	1
	73		1

Recapitulation.

Willamette District.....	753	.....	15
Jacksonville ".....	207	.....	7
Umatilla ".....	73	.....	1
Total this year.....	1033	.....	23
Total last year.....	979	.....	21
Increase.....	54		2

Ques. 22. How many infants have been baptized during the year?
46.

Ques. 23. How many adults have been baptized during the year?
60.

Ques. 24. What is the number of Sunday-schools?
7.

Ques. 25. What is the number of Sunday-school teachers?
34.

Ques. 26. What is the number of Sunday-school scholars?
360.

Ques. 27. What amount is necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers?
\$75.

Ques. 28. What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied?
\$30 50.

Ques. 29. What has been contributed for missions?
\$180 50.

Ques. 30. Where shall the next session of the Conference be held?
At Corvallis, Oregon.

Ques. 31. Where are the preachers stationed this year?

WILLAMETTE DISTRICT.

N. M. Skipworth, P. E.

Eugene and Coast Fork Circuit, to be supplied.
Brownsville and Lebanon Circuit, P. A. Moses.
Harrisburg and Tangent Circuit, J. E. Bradley.
Junction City Circuit, E. G. Michael.
Corvallis and Albany Station, T. B. White.
Dallas Circuit, R. C. Martin.
La Fayette Circuit, Angelo Hardison.

Tillamook Circuit, to be supplied.
Oregon City Circuit, Thornton P. Haynes.
Salem, N. M. Skipworth.
Corvallis College, Joseph Emery.

JACKSONVILLE DISTRICT.

J. W. Stahl, P. E.

Jacksonville Circuit, J. R. N. Bell.
Applegate Circuit, S. W. Davies.
Roseburg Circuit, D. C. McFarland.

Coquille Mission, Joseph B. Perkins.
Oakland Mission, J. W. Stahl.

UMATILLA DISTRICT.

R. C. Oglesby, P. E.

Walla Walla Circuit, T. W. D. Mays.
Powder River and Grand Ronde, J. W. Compton.
Umatilla Circuit, R. C. Oglesby.
Boise and Payette, to be supplied.

XXXVII.—ILLINOIS CONFERENCE.

HELD AT LITCHFIELD, ILL., September 22-27, 1875.

BISHOP DOGGETT, *President*; COLIN MURCHISON, *Secretary*.

QUESTION 1. Who are admitted on trial?

ANSWER. Francis E. Taylor, Henry C. Dameron, James M. Young, Valentine J. Sevier, Thomas B. Boswell. 5.

Ques. 2. Who remain on trial?

Webster Full, W. L. Thurman, James A. Garrison. 3.

Ques. 3. Who are discontinued?

James A. White. 1.

Ques. 4. Who are admitted into full connection?

Charles T. McAnally, J. Y. Buzby, Nelson A. Auld. 3.

Ques. 5. Who are readmitted?

None.

Ques. 6. Who are received by transfer from other Conferences?

C. C. Mayhew, J. Metcalf, G. W. Gilmore, J. W. Price, L. H. Davis, J. D. Reese. 6.

Ques. 7. Who are the deacons of one year?

John H. Threlkeld, John F. Hensley, W. A. Cross, Thomas M. Prichett, James A. Greening, George Knispel, Jesse P. Glass. 7.

Ques. 8. What traveling preachers are elected deacons?

John Y. Buzby, Nelson A. Auld, James D. Reese. 3.

Ques. 9. What traveling preachers are ordained deacons?

John Y. Buzby, Nelson A. Auld, James D. Reese. 3.

Ques. 10. What local preachers are elected deacons?

None.

Ques. 11. What local preachers are ordained deacons?

None.

Ques. 12. What traveling preachers are elected elders?

None.

Ques. 13. What traveling preachers are ordained elders?

None.

Ques. 14. What local preachers are elected elders?

Thomas B. Boswell, Joseph Davis. 2.

Ques. 15. What local preachers are ordained elders?

Thomas B. Boswell. 1.

Ques. 16. Who are located this year?

W. D. Ward, W. H. White. 2.

Ques. 17. Who are supernumerary?

W. C. Blundell, Joseph Howard, Daniel McKinney. 3.

Ques. 18. Who are superannuated?

Richard P. Holt, Matthew R. Gohagin. 2.

Ques. 19. What preachers have died during the past year?

Thomas C. Hawkins, Thomas D. Deeds. 2.

THOMAS CONOVER HAWKINS was born in Shelby co., Ind., June 12, 1839. He joined the United Brethren Church (Evangelical) as a seeker in 1857, and was converted the following March at the residence of William Osborn, in his native county. He was soon elected steward, then Sunday-school superintendent, and was licensed to exhort in April, 1859. In the spring of 1865 he removed to Effingham, Ill. He was licensed to preach in the summer of 1865, and joined the Evangelical United Brethren Conference, Sept. 27, 1867. He was ordained elder Sept. 26, 1868, and was appointed Superintendent of Illinois Conference in September, 1870. From choice, by the

advice of Daniel McKinney, and other brethren, he united with the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Effingham Quarterly Conference, May 20, 1871 the Rev. T. B. Harben, Presiding Elder, and the Rev. M. R. Jones, preacher in charge. He joined the Illinois Conference at Ashley, Ill., and was appointed by Bishop Kavanaugh to Kimmundy Station. His labors were greatly blessed that year, and in September, 1872, Bishop Marvin returned him. He was very successful also the second year of his labors in Kimmundy. September, 1873, he was appointed Presiding Elder of the Indiana Mission District, which he filled with honor to himself and to the entire satisfaction of his brethren. September, 1874. Bishop Wightman appointed him to the Kimmundy Circuit. He entered upon his work promptly, and was faithful in the duties of a pastor. His last labor was in a revival-meeting on his charge, which he closed on account of failing health. This was the first of January, 1875. He grew worse rapidly, and suffered most intensely for ten days. He was perfectly resigned to the will of God; seemed to be fully prepared for the change. He fell asleep in Jesus Jan. 10, 1875. Brother Hawkins was married three times—to Miss Ann Barnhill, Miss Eliza Barnhill, and to Miss Harper. He was a good man, a faithful minister, a kind and loving husband and father. He was beloved of all who knew him. May God bless and take care of his four orphan children!

THOMAS D. DEEDS, of the Illinois Conference, has gone to his reward. Brother Deeds was born Oct. 5, 1831, in Botetourt co., Va., and removed with his parents to Marion co., Ill., 1845. He was converted and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, August, 1852; was licensed to exhort March 28, 1859; licensed to preach September, 1860; ordained elder Sept. 17, 1865. Brother Deeds was one of the movers in the organization of our Conference in this State, identifying himself with the Conference, and traveled some three or four different circuits or missions. Soon after our Conference was organized he asked to be placed on the supernumerary roll, which was done. He was Conference Secretary three years, and District Conference Secretary six years. He was married to Miss Hannah A. Lay, of Effingham, Oct. 6, 1870. His health gradually failed for four years. He was confined to his room last September with consumption. He was indeed a man of affliction, but he never complained. He was perfectly resigned to the will of God. One of the writers visited him quite a number of times in his last sickness. He was full of hope. He requested us to hold service and baptize his wife and two children, which was done. His last words were, "Tell the preachers of the Illinois Conference that I fell at my post; tell them all good-by. God bless them and the Church!" He passed to his reward in heaven Feb. 9, 1875. Brother Deeds was emphatically a good

man—his memory is precious to many. May God bless his wife and children!

Ques. 20. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?

Their names were called over, one by one, and their characters examined and passed, except John W. Nicodemus.

Ques. 21. What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations, and missions of the Conference?

Lewistown District.

	White Mem's	Col'd Mem's	Loc'l Pr's.
Lewistown Station	80	.....	1
Lewistown Circuit.....	86	.....	1
Canton Station.....	63	.....	.....
Midway Circuit.....	35	.....	1
Cuba and Marietta Circuit.....	30	.....	3
Ottawa Circuit.....	15	.....	.....
Rushville Circuit.....	150	.....	4
Mount Sterling Circuit.....	134	.....	1
Pittsfield and Detroit Circuit.....	32	.....	.....
Washington Mission.....	65	.....	1
Lima Circuit.....	131	.....	.....
La Prairie Circuit.....	82	.....	.....
Carthage Mission.....	37	.....	1
	930	.....	13

Pana District.

Jacksonville Station	89	.....	2
Waverly Circuit.....	175	.....	1
Shelbyville Circuit.....	90	.....	.....
Carlville Mission.....	32	.....	.....
Taylorville Circuit.....	40	.....	.....
Pana Station.....	54	.....	1
New Douglas Circuit.....	134	.....	4
Shoal Creek Circuit.....	75	.....	3
Litchfield Station.....	36	.....	1
Clinton Circuit.....	118	.....	2
Heyworth Mission.....	25	.....	1
Sherman Circuit.....	39	.....	.....
	907	.....	15

Salem District.

Salem Circuit.....	169	3
Kimmundy Circuit.....	143	.....	1
Rome Circuit.....	268	.....	6
Xenia Circuit.....	205	.....	3
Fairfield Circuit.....	97	.....	3
Montrose Circuit.....	67	.....	.....
Clay City Circuit.....	202	.....	3
Altamont Circuit.....	161	.....	3
Effingham Circuit.....	135	.....	2
Patoka Circuit.....	179	.....	4
Martinsville Circuit.....	100	.....	2
Mount Vernon Circuit.....	172	.....	1
Okaw Mission.....	75	.....	.....
	1973	.....	30

Ashley District.

Murphysboro Station.....	50	.....	.....
Carbondale Circuit.....	191	.....	3
De Soto Circuit.....	105	.....	1
Marion Circuit.....	194	.....	3
Blair Circuit.....	125	.....	2
Ashley Circuit.....	148	.....	.....
Nashville Station.....	136	.....	1
McLeansboro Circuit.....	200	.....	4
Equality Circuit.....	75	.....	.....
Goleonda Mission.....	15	.....	2
Pulaski Mission.....	80	.....	3
Columbia and Baldwin.....	87	.....	.....
Paradise Circuit.....	64	.....	1
	1470	.....	20

Gosport District.

	White Mem's.	Col'd Mem's.	Loc'l Pr's.
Gosport Station.....	98	.....	1
Stinesville Mission.....	134	.....	.....
Waldron Circuit.....	200	.....	1
White Creek Mission.....	80	.....	1
	512	.....	3

Recapitulation.

Lewistown District.....	930	.....	13
Pana ".....	907	.....	15
Salem ".....	1973	.....	30
Ashley ".....	1470	.....	20
Gosport ".....	512	.....	3
Total this year.....	5792	.....	81
Total last year.....	5753	.....	71
Increase.....	39	.....	10

Ques. 22. How many infants have been baptized during the year?
93.

Ques. 23. How many adults have been baptized during the year?
380.

Ques. 24. What is the number of Sunday-schools?
92.

Ques. 25. What is the number of Sunday-school teachers?
578.

Ques. 26. What is the number of Sunday-school scholars?
4310.

Ques. 27. What amount is necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers?
\$260.

Ques. 28. What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied?

Collected,	\$188 00
Applied as follows:	
Mrs. Nance,	40 00
Mrs. Gray,	25 00
Mrs. Deeds,	33 00
H. G. Holcomb's children,	50 00
R. P. Holt,	40 00

\$188 00

Ques. 29. What has been contributed for missions?
\$488 35.

Ques. 30. Where shall the next session of the Conference be held?
At Jacksonville, Ill.

Ques. 31. Where are the preachers stationed this year?

LEWISTOWN DISTRICT.

Tyra B. Harben, P. E.

Lewistown Station, Richard F. Hayes.
Fulton Mission, to be supplied.
Lewistown Circuit, George Knispel.

Canton Station, William B. Johnsey.

Midway Circuit, Annis Merrill.

Marietta and Bushnell Mission, to be supplied.

Ottawa Circuit, to be supplied.

Rushville Station, Jesse P. Glass.

Rushville Circuit, Thomas M. Prickett.

Mount Sterling Circuit, John Y. Buzby.

Pittsfield and Detroit, James M. Young.

Eldara Mission, Henry C. Dameron.

Lima Circuit, James A. Greening.

Basco Mission, to be supplied.

La Prairie Circuit, Nelson A. Auld.

E. M. College at Lewistown, Colin Murchison,
Agent.

PANA DISTRICT.

Norman P. Halsey, P. E.

Jacksonville Station, C. C. Mayhew.

Waverly Circuit, William R. Howard.

Shelbyville Circuit, Valentine J. Sevier, D.
McKinney, Sup.

Taylorsville Circuit, Henderson Rice.

Pana Station, George W. Gilmore.

New Douglas Circuit, Joseph Metcalf.

Shoal Creek Circuit, John H. Harrod.

Litchfield Station, to be supplied.

Mansfield Circuit, Austin F. Rogers.

Kenney Circuit, Andrew D. Holker.

Heyworth Circuit, to be supplied.

Sherman Circuit, William A. Cross.

SALEM DISTRICT.

J. W. Westcott, P. E.

Salem Circuit, Thomas A. Scruggs.

Kinmundy Circuit, Randolph P. Jones.

Rome Circuit, Thomas L. Foster.

Xenia Circuit, James D. Reese.

Johnsonville Circuit, Thomas B. Boswell.

Eflingham Circuit, William Hamblin.

Clay City Circuit, Charles T. McAnally.

Altamont Circuit, J. J. Prather.

Patoka Circuit, John F. Robb.

Martinsville Circuit, John H. Threlkeld, W.
C. Blundell, Sup.

Mount Vernon Circuit, to be supplied.

Okaw Circuit, John F. Hensley.

Newton Mission, to be supplied.

ASHLEY DISTRICT.

Benjamin R. Hester, P. E.

Murphysboro and Carbondale, Joseph B. Harris.

De Soto Circuit, William L. Thurman.

Marion Circuit, to be supplied (by William Evans)

Tunnel Hill Mission, to be supplied (by James Edmondson).

Blair Station, Absalom L. Davis.

Percy Mission, to be supplied.

Nashville Station, Alex. W. Smith.

Ashley Circuit, William B. Beagle.

McLeansboro Circuit, Samuel Myers.

Equality Circuit, to be supplied.

Pulaski Circuit, Webster Full.

Columbia and Baldwin, George T. Nichols.

Paradise Mission, to be supplied (by James E. Wallace).

GENERAL RECAPITULATION.

CONFERENCES.	Traveling Prech'rs.	Supt'd Prech'rs.	Local Prech'rs.	White Members.	Colored Members.	Indian Members.	Total M's and N's	In- crease.	De- crease.	Infants Baptized.	Adults Baptized.	Sundays- schools.	S. S. Teachers.	S. S. Scholars.	Collection for Conf. C'm'ns.	Collection for Missions.
1. Baltimore.....	178	13	103	25,165	89	.....	25,548	1,048	.....	1332	1272	407	3599	21,417	\$4,550 00	\$7,486 89
2. Virginia.....	166	15	180	48,182	213	.....	48,765	1,618	.....	1322	2474	595	6084	33,687	\$5,920 00	11,764 94
3. Western Virginia.....	59	1	133	12,991	24	.....	13,208	944	.....	361	754	198	1364	7,928	572 40	1,252 17
4. Holston.....	161	10	294	38,087	140	176	38,868	836	.....	1311	1936	488	3059	23,226	1,691 85	4,587 88
5. North Carolina.....	146	13	221	53,780	421	.....	54,551	4,125	.....	1500	2505	624	3835	27,737	4,333 71	5,469 74
6. South Carolina.....	149	11	136	40,382	431	.....	41,109	1,446	.....	1693	1682	456	2745	17,945	5,424 16	7,003 74
7. North Georgia.....	170	21	425	53,520	68	.....	54,204	2,521	.....	1399	3042	527	3470	27,171	6,223 74	7,623 74
8. South Georgia.....	109	18	221	29,304	.....	.....	29,652	1,805	.....	838	3089	310	1921	12,352	3,158 29	7,275 28
9. Florida.....	51	8	97	8,705	20	.....	8,881	486	.....	648	648	117	627	3,593	969 43	1,526 61
10. Alabama.....	120	10	210	28,975	64	.....	29,379	1,196	.....	1013	1490	333	2029	14,007	4,289 95	6,124 58
11. North Alabama.....	119	8	322	31,680	16	.....	32,145	318	.....	759	1724	340	1724	13,917	945 25	2,308 45
12. Louisiana.....	72	8	75	13,310	127	.....	13,592	971	.....	683	689	119	778	4,896	1,678 80	3,242 25
13. Mississippi.....	105	13	162	20,754	.....	.....	21,034	126	.....	797	772	175	1067	6,474	2,658 60	3,295 30
14. North Mississippi.....	116	9	204	27,828	.....	.....	28,165	407	.....	633	693	231	1154	9,340	1,984 20	2,089 55
15. Tennessee.....	116	6	331	40,706	2	.....	41,207	.....	.....	569	1248	333	2264	15,726	1,585 60	3,267 15
16. Memphis.....	192	6	331	40,706	117	.....	41,207	.....	.....	687	2039	361	2579	17,876	2,008 15	6,342 84
17. Kentucky.....	99	7	111	19,306	30	.....	19,641	.....	.....	832	1413	175	1275	8,375	1,474 70	3,403 52
18. Louisville.....	51	5	87	10,421	9	.....	10,573	807	.....	325	439	86	597	5,610	2,658 96	4,633 00
19. St. Louis.....	69	4	112	13,931	20	.....	14,136	117	.....	478	1032	256	86	4,063	1,983 05	2,658 96
20. South-west Missouri.....	126	8	141	24,854	.....	.....	25,129	426	.....	21	140	35	1221	11,915	2,265 00	7,924 88
21. Missouri.....	20	1	9	2,359	.....	.....	2,389	.....	.....	34	13	9	63	1,139	63 65	365 00
22. Denver.....	19	1	1	502	.....	.....	523	.....	.....	292	293	33	120	943	17 00	238 00
23. Indian Mission.....	18	3	85	313	281	4159	4,839	.....	.....	315	499	84	492	4,671	245 40	187 00
24. Arkansas.....	53	3	162	10,791	7	.....	11,016	.....	.....	356	610	154	733	5,334	642 85	697 30
25. White River.....	68	2	108	12,243	4	.....	12,425	499	.....	383	541	203	957	7,141	1,426 70	1,734 95
26. Little Rock.....	77	7	152	14,641	.....	.....	14,877	995	.....	590	1060	125	670	5,938	1,181 76	2,389 55
27. North Texas.....	83	8	219	18,991	.....	.....	19,301	798	.....	494	769	97	475	3,745	750 40	1,730 40
28. East Texas.....	50	2	116	11,223	.....	.....	11,391	166	.....	458	246	45	360	2,741	707 87	2,724 50
29. Texas.....	50	8	60	6,734	.....	.....	6,851	.....	.....	1127	1396	119	741	5,892	1,303 32	3,019 32
30. Texas.....	105	6	233	17,482	.....	.....	17,826	2,156	.....	279	367	49	273	1,903	383 47	1,284 82
31. North-west Texas.....	47	5	62	5,018	47	.....	5,132	489	.....	137	.....	24	145	1,063	74 60	985 00
32. West Texas.....	22	2	13	951	.....	.....	986	.....	.....	69	46	12	58	521	108 75	133 75
33. German Mission.....	19	1	17	875	.....	.....	913	.....	.....	179	377	61	.....	2,574	550 00	1,225 00
34. Los Angeles.....	59	2	17	3,728	.....	.....	3,842	365	.....	46	60	7	34	360	30 50	180 50
35. Pacific.....	50	3	23	1,033	.....	.....	1,077	.....	.....	93	380	92	578	4,310	188 00	488 35
36. Columbia.....	52	2	81	5,792	.....	.....	5,927	48	.....	3	21	3	.....	67	.....	.....
37. Illinois.....	.....	.....	6	101	.....	.....	107	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	60	.....	.....
China Mission.....	.....	.....	.....	83	.....	.....	83	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mexican Mission.....	.....	.....	.....	38	.....	.....	38	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Brazilian Mission.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bishops.....	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total in 1875.....	3271	259	5462	715,451	2083	4335	731,361	23,929	5,333	22,003	38,908	7,578	49,797	346,759	\$64,326 18	\$120,128 31
Total in 1874.....	3224	261	5356	696,764	2663	4497	712,765	.....	.....	21,909	49,358	7,204	48,825	328,634	64,294 20	101,953 46
Increase.....	47	2	106	19,187	580	162	18,596	.....	.....	2,306	10,450	374	972	18,125	\$31 98	\$18,174 85
Decrease.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

[The transferred preachers are reckoned with those of the Conferences to which they now belong. The preachers who were discontinued this year (64) and those who were located (81), are not counted; those who were admitted on trial (206), and those who were re-admitted (30), are counted among the traveling preachers, though many of them are also reckoned with the local preachers. The colored members, for the most part, have left our Connection for the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church in America, organized by our Bishops under the authority of the General Conference—they are reported in their own Minutes—hence the apparent decrease in that department.]

